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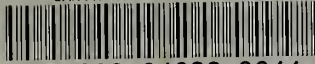
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1 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1987

2:05 O'CLOCK P.M.

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3 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: All set, Mr. Director? I  
4 will call the meeting to order. We have a quorum. All  
5 commissioners are present. The hour is 2:05.

6 This is a special meeting of the Port  
7 Commission. The agenda has two items. One,  
8 presentation of proposals by short list of design,  
9 consultants, Fisherman's Wharf, commercial fishing  
10 project.

11 I understand, Commissioners, that that item  
12 was asked to be withdrawn by staff based upon the  
13 extent or the amount of time that will be required to  
14 hear the consultant presentations. They're suggesting  
15 we carry it over for another special commission meeting  
16 on December 2nd beginning at 2:00 p.m. to hear their  
17 presentations. We will still be within the projected  
18 schedule.

19 Any objection to putting that item over?

20 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: I have no objection to  
21 putting it over, Mr. President. I do have a problem if  
22 we then do put it over. The only basis for a special  
23 called meeting was that particular issue. Subsequent  
24 to the commission agreeing to have a special called  
25 meeting for that agenda item, another item was added to



1 the agenda. I wonder whether or not we should go  
2 forward with that, given the short notice that we have  
3 on the second issue.

4 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Well, I believe proper  
5 legal notice was given. And although it may seem  
6 short, as long as it's within the legal limits, it's a  
7 proper item for the agenda.

8 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: I don't quarrel that  
9 proper legal notice was not given. I do wonder whether  
10 or not sufficient notice was given for the commission  
11 to have available all of the facts pro and con on the  
12 subject matter so that we can consider it in light of  
13 the pro and con debate that we will be subjected to.

14 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Perhaps if I read the  
15 resolution, which is the second item on the agenda, I  
16 think you will be able to ascertain that any kind of  
17 action on the part of the commission is still not a  
18 permanent action but one to ask the staff to explore.

19 That resolution states: "Resolved, that the  
20 San Francisco Port Commission hereby directs staff to  
21 explore with the United States Navy the use of Pier  
22 30-32 to temporarily berth the USS Missouri, provided  
23 that all environmental review requirements are met and  
24 all appropriate port fees and charges are paid by the  
25 United States Navy."





1           So I think the item before us is simply one of  
2 whether we wish to direct staff to explore or not  
3 explore.

4           COMMISSIONER HERMAN: Do we have to have  
5 special commission meetings in order to have staff  
6 explore this, that or any other item?

7           CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Well, so that we can at  
8 least --

9           COMMISSIONER HERMAN: Can staff have the  
10 latitude to explore, to have informal conversation,  
11 discuss, whatever we want to call it, without a special  
12 commission meeting?

13          CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: If you recall, Commissioner  
14 Herman -- first of all, yes, they can. They don't have  
15 to call a special commission meeting for that. But  
16 second, if you recall, on Pier 30-32, when staff had  
17 certain plans for developing that pier, I think one of  
18 the commissioners raised the question, did we have a  
19 policy for that pier? I think it was her feeling that  
20 perhaps staff should have some guidance before they go  
21 out and develop plans for any development of a pier to  
22 make sure the commission is at least, one, apprised of  
23 it, and, second, sees no objection.

24          COMMISSIONER HERMAN: I don't want to, Mr.  
25 President, create any untenable situation for you. I



1 understand where we are at.

2 I just did want to indicate that I have very  
3 strong reservations on the procedure, to which I don't  
4 hold you responsible, and I have very, very heavy  
5 doubts as to the propriety of this issue being  
6 discussed on such short notice, the legal adherences  
7 notwithstanding.

8 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: All right, so hearing no  
9 objection to postponing the first item, we have the  
10 second, which is the resolution. I believe the  
11 director will make a presentation on it.

12 Before you start, there are certain rules that  
13 we ought to make the public aware of.

14 First of all, anyone can speak. Every person  
15 who is attending this meeting, every citizen or  
16 individual has a right to speak either on the subject  
17 or any other subject. Those are the rules, I believe,  
18 that we are legally required to follow.

19 However, we do have the prerogative of  
20 limiting a speaker, and we wish to exercise that  
21 prerogative to three minutes. No speaker will be  
22 allowed more than three minutes. I'd like Captain  
23 Osborne or Mr. Bellow or someone to time for me so I  
24 don't have to try to time it while I am listening. I  
25 appreciate that. We will give the speaker a one-minute





1 notice after two minutes.

2 Secondly, because of the large number of  
3 people who wish to have something to say, we are going  
4 to limit you to speak only once. I think that is only  
5 fair to those who follow.

6 So, you have one opportunity to speak, and you  
7 will be limited to three minutes.

8 Okay. Mr. Director.

9 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: Dr. Coleman, members of  
10 the commission --

11 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Just a minute.

12 COMMISSIONER HALSTED: I just had a question.  
13 I wondered if it might be helpful to the people who are  
14 waiting if they understand we are looking at just  
15 exploring this issue.

16 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: I tried to emphasize that.

17 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: I was going to read the  
18 resolution in total.

19 COMMISSIONER HALSTED: I was also thinking of  
20 those people who were outside.

21 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: I think we also have an  
22 amplifying system.

23 COMMISSIONER HALSTED: I see. Thank you.

24 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: Dr. Coleman, it was also  
25 the recommendation of staff --



1           CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: All right. I think there  
2 is one other procedural aspect of this.

3           Because we had to limit the number of people  
4 in the room because of possible fire hazards, a number  
5 of people are outside who wish to come in and speak, so  
6 we will ask those who are present, if once they have  
7 spoken, to please leave to allow others to come in,  
8 into the room so they can speak. We have to limit the  
9 number of people to 50, so we hope that you would be  
10 gracious and kind enough to leave after your  
11 presentation so that others will be able to come in and  
12 make --

13           COMMISSIONER HERMAN: The director would be  
14 excepted from that, wouldn't he? We are not going to  
15 throw him out.

16           [Laughter]

17           COMMISSIONER HERMAN: I am just representing  
18 you, Gene.

19           [Laughter]

20           DIRECTOR GARTLAND: As you have for years, Mr.  
21 Herman. Thank you.

22           Dr. Coleman and members of the commission, I  
23 think it would be helpful if I read the resolution  
24 which as director I am recommending to you for  
25 adoption, then give you a little background as to why



1 this special meeting.

2 Mr. Herman, I believe you have a copy of this  
3 resolution numbered 87-131.

4 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: Yes. I just received  
5 it, and I appreciate it.

6 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: "Whereas the City and  
7 County of San Francisco is on record supporting the  
8 Navy's proposed Hunters Point home porting project  
9 through the execution of a memorandum of understanding  
10 with the Navy, and

11 "Whereas the Port Commission is desirous of  
12 bringing the USS Missouri to San Francisco by its  
13 scheduled 1990 arrival date, and

14 "Whereas all of the major Bay Area ship repair  
15 concerns and many of their subcontractors, as well as  
16 trade unions, have expressed great concern to the Mayor  
17 and the Port about the survival of the ship repair  
18 industry without the USS Missouri, and

19 "Whereas the retention of our ship repair  
20 industry is vital to the economic health of the Port of  
21 San Francisco, and

22 "Whereas other states and cities interested in  
23 home porting the USS Missouri have contacted the Navy  
24 to encourage it to reconsider the Hunters Point  
25 location, and





1           "Whereas, home porting of the USS Missouri on  
2 its original schedule is of critical importance to the  
3 port, and

4           "Whereas Pier 30-32 may be capable of  
5 accommodating the USS Missouri on a temporary basis,  
6 now therefore

7           "Be it resolved that the San Francisco Port  
8 Commission hereby directs staff to explore with the  
9 United States Navy the use of Pier 30-32 to temporarily  
10 berth the USS Missouri, provided that all environmental  
11 review requirements are met and all appropriate port  
12 fees and charges are paid by the United States Navy."

13           Now, that is the resolution that we have  
14 prepared and ask that you adopt. That arose out of the  
15 concern primarily of the ship repair industry who on  
16 October 27 -- pardon me, October 26th of this year --  
17 wrote a letter to the Mayor, copies of which have been  
18 provided to you.

19           I am not going to read the entire letter, but  
20 the letter was addressed to the Mayor because of the  
21 joint conference committee which was about to meet in  
22 Congress. I understand that next week another joint  
23 conference committee is going to meet again. But I  
24 would like to read a portion of this letter.

25           "The Navy's home porting initiative has the





1 approval of Congress and almost two-thirds of the  
2 residents of the city in the Bay Area. The signatories  
3 to this letter represent most of the ship repair and  
4 maritime industrial base in the Bay Area.

5 "We are dependent upon Navy and Coast Guard  
6 ship repair work financed with our tax dollars. The  
7 Navy presently spends between 150 and \$200 million  
8 annually for repair work in our Bay Area private yards.  
9 This supports many of our 2,650 trade workers who are  
10 actively employed full time. This also supports three  
11 times this number of jobs in subcontractor support and  
12 service businesses."

13 So, if I may just digress for a moment, that  
14 is over 10,000 jobs they're speaking of in this letter.

15 "The loss of the Missouri battle group will be  
16 catastrophic to the blue-collar-based ship repair  
17 industry in the Bay Area. Two of the six major repair  
18 concerns here were forced to close this past year.  
19 Those of us remaining have been struggling in an  
20 uncertain business environment to make payroll until  
21 the Missouri battle group arrives.

22 "The battle group promises to distribute  
23 another \$56 million annually into our repair  
24 businesses, expanding our business base and adding  
25 economy of scale, which in turn will make us more



1 competitive with other Pacific Coast locations."

2 Now, this is signed by the four remaining ship  
3 repair companies in the Bay Area -- not just in San  
4 Francisco. They are Southwest Marine, Inc.,  
5 Continental Maritime, Service Engineering, and Pacific  
6 Dry Dock. It is signed by in excess of 50  
7 subcontractors who deal with these prime workers.

8 As I have stated, according to their letter  
9 and according to their conversations with me, this is a  
10 matter of the utmost concern to them. It is also a  
11 matter of the utmost concern of the Mayor because of  
12 the hearing being held next week.

13 As a result of that, because of the  
14 possibility of putting the Missouri temporarily on  
15 30-32 without cost to the city, we felt it was  
16 incumbent to have a meeting prior to that congressional  
17 hearing.

18 Notice was properly sent out, was placed in  
19 the United States mail last Friday afternoon, and  
20 distributed.

21 We ask the commission support in this matter.  
22 We ask the commission support of the ship repair  
23 industry, which is the last blue collar remaining labor  
24 force in San Francisco of any size.

25 Representatives are here of that industry.



1 And, frankly, Mr. Chairman, I am surprised that I am  
2 standing here in front of this commission in this year,  
3 1987, and asking support of a resolution which says we  
4 should welcome to San Francisco a ship of the United  
5 States Navy.

6 Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Do you have any other staff  
8 member to make a presentation?

9 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: Not at this time.

10 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: I see Mr. Lazarus from the  
11 Mayor's Office. I will recognize him first.

12 MR. LAZARUS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

13 FROM THE FLOOR: We ought to get some members  
14 of the press in here. They're being left outside.  
15 There are hundreds of thousands of people who are going  
16 to be watching --

17 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: I just sent someone out to  
18 find out --

19 FROM THE FLOOR: You want to keep the limit  
20 down to 50 here, which makes sense.

21 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: That is fire marshal  
22 capacity.

23 FROM THE FLOOR: Well, for every one of those  
24 people you are keeping out there, you got tens of  
25 thousands who aren't going to hear what you are doing





1 here. I think you got a responsibility to let them in.

2 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Well, do you want to talk  
3 to the fire marshal?

4 FROM THE FLOOR: I suggest you might do that.

5 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: I have done that. That is  
6 what I just did, and he said "no."

7 We have no objection to more, and one of the  
8 commissioners asked, but the problem is, by law, we are  
9 limited.

10 FROM THE FLOOR: Perhaps there is another  
11 room. Perhaps there is some way to accommodate -- Mr.  
12 Gartland was talking about the great interest people in  
13 this city have on this issue, and people aren't getting  
14 an opportunity to hear about this important issue.

15 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: Maybe we can get the  
16 Board of Supervisors in the next couple weeks, have  
17 those chambers available.

18 I think Dr. Coleman is limited by what he is  
19 instructed to do by the fire marshal, no question about  
20 that. It's not his fault.

21 I think, however, that maybe there should be  
22 some accommodation made for a larger meeting facility,  
23 like the Board of Supervisors chambers.

24 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: Dr. Coleman, I would ask  
25 those of staff who are not actually necessary, present,





1 to please leave at this time, and that will permit  
2 quite a few more people to come in. Just the secretary  
3 remain, please.

4 COMMISSIONER CHANG: And legal counsel.

5 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: There are a number of  
6 people sitting here who are not members of the press,  
7 and I am going to call the names of those who have  
8 indicated they wish to speak. If they're not one of  
9 those members, I wish you'd leave so we can get those  
10 members in, and then, once they've spoken, bring some  
11 other members in.

12 Presently, I have Ira Sugarman, Joan Intrator,  
13 George Fouke, Ethel Sanjuies, Greta Sugarman, Jack  
14 Noble, Larry Ebersole, Tom Caulfield, Father Stephen  
15 Brannan.

16 Are any of those people here? Larry Edwards,  
17 Orlindo Barsetti, General Molette, Henry Morris, Lee  
18 Dolson. Lee. Ken Selvidge. Ed Kaune, K-a-u-n-e. And  
19 Virna Canson.

20 All right. Jim, would you --

21 FROM THE FLOOR: Sir, there was another list  
22 that I know I am on.

23 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Are you Robert McCarthy?  
24 No? I have just been taking some names. We will let  
25 individuals, chose those who are for it, speak, and



1 those against, speak, and we will alternate. But I  
2 think that may be a better way to do it.

3 Is there any objection to that?

4 FROM THE FLOOR: There are several members of  
5 the press with tape recorders. They would like to set  
6 their recorders up here.

7 FROM THE FLOOR: The commission has been asked  
8 that they may place their recording machines up here.  
9 I told them -- we will let them in, but they have to go  
10 out again.

11 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Okay.

12 MR. LAZARUS: Thank you very much,  
13 Commissioners. On behalf of the Mayor, I appreciate  
14 the opportunity to speak to the commission this  
15 afternoon and for your calendaring of this item.

16 We were informed by your staff last week of  
17 the availability of this special committee, commission  
18 meeting today that had been calendared for another  
19 subject, and at the Mayor's request to Mr. Gartland and  
20 you, Dr. Coleman, you graciously added this item to  
21 your calendar, and we appreciate it.

22 The Congress next week will again have before  
23 it home porting of the Missouri. The authorization  
24 conference committee rejected the inclusion of 1988  
25 construction money a few weeks ago, as you know.



1       However, the Senate appropriation bill contains the  
2       Phase I funding for 1988, and a conference committee is  
3       scheduled as early as next week on that subject.

4               However, because of the earlier action and  
5       because of a perception, perhaps, that San Francisco is  
6       not necessarily in favor of the project at Hunters  
7       Point, there is a great deal of effort being made in  
8       Washington on the Navy and the Congress to scrap the  
9       San Francisco project in favor of other home porting  
10      projects.

11             We have received copies of letters written by  
12      the Hawaiian congressional delegation to the Secretary  
13      of the Navy suggesting that Honolulu would welcome the  
14      ship and asking the Navy to reconsider the designation  
15      of Hunters Point as the home port for the Missouri.

16             Senator Stevens and the Mayor of Anchorage,  
17      Alaska, have posed Anchorage as a possible home port as  
18      a result of the strategic home porting concept which  
19      brought the ships up the coast from San Diego in order  
20      to be closer to Alaskan waters and the Soviet Union.

21             There is the perception perhaps that the  
22      project at Hunters Point will never happen. We don't  
23      share that perception. We believe the vast majority of  
24      the citizens of San Francisco support the project.

25             This Port Commission last summer on a four to





1 nothing vote approved a memorandum of understanding and  
2 forwarded it to the Board of Supervisors for its  
3 ratification.

4 In August, on a six to five vote, the board  
5 did authorize the Mayor to execute the memorandum of  
6 understanding. Since that time, we are proceeding with  
7 all necessary environmental review. The Planning  
8 Department held a public hearing two weeks ago.  
9 Hopefully in early December the Planning Commission  
10 will act to certify the environmental review of the  
11 home porting project.

12 That will permit the city to take final action  
13 on the home porting project. I expect that you will be  
14 requested in December to act again on the home porting  
15 project and to transmit to the board that memorandum  
16 that you approved last August, but this time in the  
17 form of a contract.

18 We could not enter into a contract with the  
19 Navy until the environmental review process was  
20 completed. However, last August we went ahead to get  
21 the city on record because there had been doubt over  
22 previous votes a few years ago at the Board of  
23 Supervisors over what the city's position was with home  
24 porting, and we were led to believe by Congressman  
25 Dellums that if the EPA gave environmental clearance to





1 the project and if the Board of Supervisors was on  
2 board, that the Congress would approve the Phase I  
3 funding. That, as you know, was not the case last  
4 month. But the project continues, and as far as Mayor  
5 Feinstein is concerned -- and I think the majority of  
6 the Board of Supervisors and this commission -- we will  
7 continue to do whatever is necessary to let Washington  
8 know that the United States Navy remains welcome in  
9 this port.

10 As the Port Director stated, we received a  
11 petition from many of your tenants requesting that we  
12 continue to do whatever action we can do to convince  
13 the Navy and the Congress to go ahead with this project  
14 that is so vital to the economic health of your ship  
15 repair industry and, indirectly, this port and the  
16 city.

17 The Mayor requested that the port staff look  
18 at options. We have had discussions with the Navy, and  
19 your Port Director informed the Mayor -- in fact,  
20 reminded us, since the ship had been there numerous  
21 times before, that Pier 30-32 remains available on a  
22 temporary basis for home porting and should be explored  
23 seriously with the Navy.

24 For what reason? The original schedule showed  
25 an 1989-90 arrival date for the USS Missouri. By 1992,



1 we expect to have the full complement of ten to 11  
2 ships at Hunters Point, 1,500 units of housing, over  
3 5,000 Navy personnel, with a \$96 million payroll living  
4 and working at Hunters Point in that community.

5 A delay of one year, if the Congress does  
6 finally agree to delay the '88 appropriation, costs us  
7 \$250 million in Bay Area economic impact. It costs us  
8 7,000 direct and indirect jobs. It costs your ship  
9 repair tenants \$56 million in annual ship repair  
10 contracts coming from the home porting project.

11 We cannot afford the delay. So we  
12 investigated options that might be available to keep  
13 the ships on schedule. One, of course, would be the  
14 Congress approving next week the appropriation bill.  
15 That is admittedly a remote possibility. Very rarely  
16 will items be approved in appropriation that have not  
17 been authorized by a previous act of Congress. It can  
18 be done legally. We question whether it will be done.  
19 We are doing all we can to see that that might happen.

20 Secondly, the Congress next year could approve  
21 two years' worth of funding in one year to speed up the  
22 project, to get us back on schedule once the permits  
23 are issued in the spring, and the Navy can proceed as  
24 soon as the money is available on an accelerated  
25 timetable.



1           Again, with current deficit projections in  
2 Washington and the efforts to meet Gramm-Rudman, it's  
3 very unlikely in our opinion that we could count on two  
4 years' worth of funding, probably \$50 million instead  
5 of \$22 million, in one year of funding.

6           What else could could we do, what else can we  
7 recommend to the Navy to get those ships here on time?  
8 Your Port Director suggested the feasibility of using  
9 Pier 30-32, and that is all this resolution before you  
10 suggests today. And though your Port Director could  
11 have written the Navy directly, we feel this issue is  
12 of such importance to the city, to this commission,  
13 that it should come before you.

14           If we didn't have this opportunity today,  
15 Commissioner Herman, we would have brought it at your  
16 next available meeting to get this commission on record  
17 supporting your staff, supporting the Mayor's Office,  
18 and encouraging the Navy and the Congress to get this  
19 project on schedule.

20           I know concerns have been raised about whether  
21 or not this is some form of end run. It is not. Our  
22 intent would never be to berth that ship permanently at  
23 Pier 30-32.

24           The economic well-being of the Hunters Point  
25 Bay View community rests on the activation of that







1       naval station and the construction of the project that  
2       is planned for that base, the building of 1,500 units  
3       of housing, and the berthing of those ships there.

4               Your economic well-being as a maritime  
5       facility is based on the maritime use of Pier 30-32.  
6       You have a plan for that pier. Like a lot of things in  
7       this city, we have plans but we don't have the money.  
8       You're attempting, I understand, to bank that money to  
9       get the count up to the level that you can spend the 14  
10      or \$15 million it would take to put the container  
11      freight terminal and the customs and coffee and other  
12      facilities back at Pier 30-32.

13             Your staff informs me that those projects when  
14      funded can go forward with the Missouri temporarily  
15      berthed at Pier 30-32, that there is enough space on  
16      that pier for the trucking and other activities that  
17      you propose for that facility to be constructed and to  
18      occur in conjunction with the limited berthing of the  
19      ship.

20             When would this berthing occur? Certainly not  
21      in the next few months. As you know, the Navy did not  
22      intend to bring the ship here until 1989 or '90. What  
23      we are trying to do is develop options for keeping, as  
24      I said, the Navy on that schedule.

25             Therefore, we want to develop proposals that



1 could bring that ship here in 1989 even if the funding  
2 was delayed in the pier improvements needed at Hunters  
3 Point to meet that original schedule.

4 One of the options is the temporary berthing  
5 at 30-32. What this resolution asks your staff to do  
6 is to explore that possibility with the Navy, to look  
7 at the environmental ramifications, if any, from that,  
8 and to negotiate and to recommend back to you, if  
9 agreement is reached with the Navy, a berthing program,  
10 fee structure improvement package for that pier for  
11 1988 or 1989. That is all you are asked to do today,  
12 and I urge you on behalf of the Mayor to approve this  
13 request of our office and your staff to proceed with  
14 that investigation.

15 I will remain present and be happy to answer  
16 any questions you might have.

17 Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. I believe  
19 before I call on members of the public to speak, we  
20 have our distinguished State Senator, Quentin Kopp. I  
21 believe he wishes to make some remarks.

22 STATE SENATOR QUENTIN KOPP: Yes, I do. It's  
23 been a long time since I have appeared before the Port  
24 Commission, which may be one of the pluses or minuses  
25 of not being on the Board of Supervisors any more. And



1 it's good to see two of the commissioners so soon after  
2 last night's great CYO dinner.

3 Let me approach this and explain to you why I  
4 take the time to be here when I am in the throes of  
5 starting a long, drawn-out jury trial up in Sonoma  
6 County. I do so from a perhaps more Olympian level.

7 Jim Lazarus has laid out the data, and I am  
8 sure that there will be disputes about the data. I am  
9 not here to go into that aspect of the matter. But I  
10 have written what I think are four important points.

11 First of all, I take the time to appear before  
12 this honorable commission because I think this is an  
13 issue of supervening importance to the future of San  
14 Francisco, specifically to the future of the port, but  
15 more generally to the future of the City and County  
16 and, I think by extension, to other parts of the Bay  
17 Area, especially the senatorial district which I have  
18 the honor and privilege to represent, and also to the  
19 East Bay.

20 Secondly, this proceeding is part of a public  
21 policy issue.

22 Thirdly, there is a public policy of the City  
23 and County of San Francisco. I didn't have a chance to  
24 vote on that public policy because I had departed the  
25 Board of Supervisors by the time it was established,





1 but it was established by due and proper procedures.

2 Fourthly, observing that that public policy  
3 has been temporarily placed in some kind of abeyance by  
4 forces that are beyond the immediate control of the  
5 City and County of San Francisco, what is before the  
6 commission appears to me to be an alternative means of  
7 implementing that public policy.

8 I can't help but be impressed by the form of  
9 this resolution. I want to state explicitly, and I do  
10 so on the basis of my professional career as a lawyer  
11 and my public career as a member of the Board of  
12 Supervisors and now the California State Senate, that  
13 that is probably one of the most responsible forms of  
14 legislation or form of resolution that I've seen on  
15 intricate and highly controversial public policy  
16 issues.

17 I compliment Mr. Gartland and I compliment  
18 those who participated in preparing it. And I haven't  
19 complimented Mr. Gartland entirely on every issue  
20 during the time he has been the Port Director or I was  
21 on the Board of Supervisors.

22 I think that an effort will be made to degrade  
23 or diminish the nature of today's hearing or what is  
24 presented to you, and that is okay because anything  
25 goes in the public arena or in a forum of people who





1 can take any point of view and put their own cast or  
2 interpretation upon it.

3 But I believe that this is a dramatic but  
4 responsible means of conveying to the United States  
5 Navy the continuing commitment of the City and County  
6 of San Francisco to honor its public policy on the  
7 issue of the home porting of the USS Missouri.

8 I commend the resolution to you for adoption  
9 for that principal reason. And in case anybody has any  
10 doubt that I am being too Olympian, if I had been on  
11 the Board of Supervisors, I most assuredly would have  
12 voted for the public policy which has been established.

13 Thank you for your time.

14 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. All right. I  
15 will now go through the list of speakers listed, those  
16 who wish to speak, but following that, we will just  
17 simply ask individuals to come in, and we will  
18 alternate, those for and those against the resolution.

19 Presently I will alternate, but I will do so  
20 by calling names. The first name is listed as being  
21 opposed to the resolution, Ira Sugarman.

22 MR. SUGARMAN: Thank you, Mr. Commissioner,  
23 ladies and gentlemen. I found out about this meeting  
24 this morning on the radio.

25 Up until election day, everything that was



1 said here might have been valid, the issues balancing  
2 and so on. People seem to forget that a nuclear free  
3 zone initiative was passed by a majority of the people  
4 of this city. It's been totally ignored by the press,  
5 of course, and by the Port Commission.

6 In my judgment, this hearing is essentially  
7 illegal. It contravenes the nuclear free zone  
8 initiative passed by the people in a democratic  
9 election, and no presumption, in my opinion, of  
10 innocence by the Mayor's appointees, hopefully soon to  
11 be looking for new piers and new jobs and new berths,  
12 can justify this meeting in this form today.

13 There was a Navy list, there is a Navy list of  
14 people who are interested in this issue. There was no  
15 decent advance public notice of this meeting, and I  
16 think it's the height of chutzpah, or arrogance, and I  
17 protest this meeting taking place in this fashion.

18 The Missouri home porting issue deals not with  
19 phantom jobs or city income, it deals with nuclear  
20 weaponry and hazards. It deals with AIDS, which was  
21 introduced by the U.S. Navy in Subic Bay and is now an  
22 issue in the campaign to renew or not to renew the Navy  
23 bases at Subic Bay -- and Clark, by the way.

24 In a word, ladies and gentlemen, what we are  
25 discussing here is my life, my existence, that of my



1 grandchildren and children to come versus yours -- that  
2 is, those who want the Missouri here -- and versus the  
3 nuclear war profiteers like Mayor Feinstein and the  
4 friends whom she serves.

5 The impending gentrification of Hunters Point  
6 Bay View is closely related to a 600-ship Navy which  
7 this country can no longer afford. Last month, 75  
8 percent of our unemployed received no benefits -- or  
9 don't you read the Chronicle?

10 I can guarantee you, no matter what you do  
11 here, the Missouri is going to be mothballed sooner  
12 than you think. Admiral-class destroyers -- Admiral  
13 Burke-class destroyers, now cost over one billion  
14 dollars each, and they're talking about cutting Social  
15 Security payments in Congress.

16 Battleships and their escorts will only  
17 destroy our bay. They can only destroy mankind.  
18 Whether it's Pier 30 and 32 or Hunters Point, what is  
19 happening here is a perfect example of a Professor  
20 Einstein setting, that since July 16, 1945, everything  
21 has changed except our way of thinking.

22 Thank you very kindly.

23 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. Larry Edwards.

24 MR. EDWARDS: Good afternoon, commissioner.

25 My name is Larry Edwards. I am the vice president,







1 general manager, Continental Maritime, Inc. I control  
2 and run the business from day to day. And we are a  
3 rent lessee of the Port Commission, of this Port of San  
4 Francisco.

5 I think the important issue that we should  
6 deal with here, and I am in support, is that we have  
7 taken steps since the resolution was passed of  
8 training, upgrading the blue-collar workers that need  
9 the jobs, we can support the jobs, that by bringing the  
10 Missouri here in San Francisco will enable us to do.

11 Thank you very much.

12 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. Joan Intrator.

13 MS. INTRATOR: Dr. Coleman, members of the  
14 Port Commission. My name is Joan Intrator. I am a San  
15 Francisco resident and also a member of the nuclear  
16 freeze campaign.

17 Berthing the Missouri at Piers 30 and 32 is a  
18 mistake. It's in defiance not only of the Planning  
19 Commission's waterfront plan but also of the recently  
20 passed nuclear freeze zone resolution. A majority of  
21 San Francisco voters clearly do not want nuclear  
22 weapons or a nuclear Navy in the bay.

23 This is an underhanded attempt, I feel, by the  
24 Mayor to foist a nuclear arms ship in the middle of our  
25 city. I urge the Port Commission not to approve this



1       proposal. There should be no funds for the rental of  
2       Piers 30 and 32 to the Navy for the Missouri.

3               San Franciscans -- that is me, too -- deserve  
4       better use of our tax money and our port than putting  
5       both into a nuclear Navy.

6               Thank you.

7               CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Orlindo Barsetti.

8               MR. BARSETTI: Dr. Coleman, commissioners. My  
9       name is Orlindo Barsetti. I am president of Service  
10      Engineering Company, one of the four remaining  
11      companies in the Bay Area.

12              In my few years on the waterfront, I have seen  
13      our industry go from 15 major yards down to the present  
14      four, and it looks like without the Missouri and its  
15      battle group that number could be substantially cut.

16              I have also seen an exodus of the blue-collar  
17      worker from our industry to other industries or maybe  
18      even the unemployment line. I certainly hope we can  
19      turn it around.

20              Speaking for the shipyard workers of not only  
21      San Francisco but the rest of the Bay Area, I strongly  
22      urge that we explore all avenues in accommodating, even  
23      on a temporary basis, the Missouri in San Francisco. I  
24      strongly urge the commission to direct the port to do  
25      whatever is necessary to see the turnaround of this



1 somewhat disturbing trend of the potential loss of this  
2 ship and the corresponding jobs.

3 So, again, sir, we strongly urge that we go  
4 forward with the exploration of this resolution.

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. Mr. Fouke.

7 MR. FOUKE: Thank you, everyone, for allowing  
8 me to take part in a democratic process. I am a  
9 retired school teacher. I publish a newsletter that I  
10 call Gathering Resistance because I believe that the  
11 American people, average American citizen, should find  
12 some ways to gather resistance against the  
13 militarization of America's economy and the threat that  
14 that implies to me to a nuclear disaster. So that is  
15 why I publish the newsletter. You're all welcome to  
16 subscribe.

17 The proposal to lease Pier 32 was, in Deputy  
18 Mayor Lazarus's words, only a suggestion for a  
19 feasibility study. And since that's probably what  
20 you're going to be voting on, the feasibility of  
21 studying it, my prediction is that you will pass the  
22 proposal. But I would hope you do not.

23 When Supervisor Gonzales remarked that the  
24 present Mayor was acting with her typical leadership,  
25 he may have been insulting her. I don't see this as





1 her typical leadership, but I am not an expert on that.  
2 I see it, rather, as a typical example of sour grapes.

3 If she wants to bring jobs to the unemployed,  
4 then let her use her influence to help finance the  
5 rebuilding of the oldest city on the West Coast, San  
6 Francisco, which, according to an article in the  
7 Chronicle about a month ago, would cost a billion and a  
8 half dollars and provide more than 25,000 jobs, and  
9 those would be peace jobs. I would certainly support  
10 any effort she would make in such a project.

11 Bay Area ship repair firms who wrote the  
12 letter saying that the loss of the Missouri battleship  
13 group would be catastrophic to the blue-collar-based  
14 ship repair industry in the Bay Area were simply acting  
15 in a self-serving manner. They see money in it for  
16 themselves, and business people like to project making  
17 money for themselves.

18 The loss won't be catastrophic because the  
19 battleship group hasn't been berthed here in the first  
20 place. It's an imagined loss from an imagined gain.

21 The remark by Admiral Robert Tony that the  
22 Navy looks forward to the exploration of these ideas is  
23 also self-serving. The Navy budget is now \$46 billion,  
24 and the Navy wants to bring it up to 96 billion by 1995  
25 or 1996 when its 600-ship fleet will be in place.



1 I suppose if the admiral were asked, "Do you  
2 support the buildup," he would say: "Yes. Why not?"

3 I think the mighty Missouri should be  
4 decommissioned, should become a museum or perhaps  
5 converted to homes for the homeless. Such a conversion  
6 would provide many, many jobs.

7 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Your time is up, sir. I  
8 will give you 20 seconds.

9 MR. FOUKE: Twenty seconds. I think we should  
10 take the lead in demonstrating to the Reagan  
11 administration that the military buildup is leading  
12 America into bankruptcy. Let the Mayor speak out for  
13 peace. Herbert Hoover once remarked: Blessed are the  
14 children, for they shall inherit the national debt. I  
15 say: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall  
16 retire the national debt, which now averages about  
17 \$25,000 per American worker.

18 Thank you very much.

19 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. Mr. Butler, Tom  
20 Butler.

21 MR. BUTLER: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman,  
22 commissioners of the board. My name is Tom Butler. I  
23 am a rigging boss for Continental Maritime.

24 We have had some real bad times in the ship  
25 industry and the marine industry in the last ten or



1     fifteen years, as you've already heard. It's going  
2     downgrade all the time. We have a lot of people out  
3     here in the back that couldn't get in here today that  
4     show that they also support this resolution, that we  
5     need the Missouri and we need their support fleet along  
6     with it.

7             I also work for a peacemaking organization.  
8     That is the United States Navy. I think that they're  
9     probably one of the greatest assets we have for peace  
10    in the United States.

11            I urge all of you to please explore this and  
12    see what you can do to help us out. Because when I get  
13    back to the yard tonight, I have to lay off a bunch of  
14    people for the holidays and say: We've got no work in  
15    sight until after Christmas. That is a very  
16    distasteful situation.

17            I would like to read one thing, and, if I  
18    could, I have a petition here that I'd like to enter  
19    into the record. This is signed by some 200 people.

20            "We shipyard workers and friends of the  
21    maritime industry fully support the homeporting of USS  
22    MISSOURI in the Bay Area. We of the maritime industry  
23    ask Mayor Feinstein to hold firm and not give up. We  
24    know Mayor Feinstein and the majority of the  
25    Supervisors were right in supporting the USS MISSOURI





homeporting in the City of San Francisco and urge you to stay on course."

I would like to enter this into the record, and thank you very much for your time.

CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. Mrs. Ethel Sanjuies.

MS. SANJUIES: Yes. I am Ethel Sanjuies. I am a resident of San Francisco and I work for San Francisco for World Peace.

I would like to respond briefly to a couple remarks that have been made, also to say inadequate notice of meeting is very disturbing to me, and there's lots of people who should be here today are not here today because we really didn't have adequate time to notify people. And my real concern over the fact that this temporary berthing on Pier 30, proposed temporary berthing on Pier 30-32, seems to be a circumvention of the process, a foot in the door. I think this is really something that we don't like to see happen. The plan is for Hunters Point. The plan is for Treasure Island. But the thing is that if we once get, or if the Navy once gets their foot into the door on Pier 30-32, we know this is really going to be a very hard foot to get out.

So, I see this as a circumvention, and,



1 unfortunately, we are in a position today where we  
2 really have a reason not to trust government.

3 I was horrified to read in the paper the other  
4 day or several weeks ago regarding the inner-office  
5 Navy memo which was leaked out to the press, I guess,  
6 in which the asbestos findings in the EIS were  
7 deferred, the recommendation was allegedly made to, by  
8 Admiral Toya to his staff that these asbestos findings  
9 were not to be released until after -- as soon as  
10 possible, but not until after the Board of Supervisors  
11 had moved positively on the Missouri and the MOU.

12 You know, this does make us, in addition to  
13 everything else that's happening these days and with  
14 the background, the frame of reference in which we are  
15 all living, we do become suspicious when this kind of  
16 thing happens. If we once get this in, I do not think  
17 we will get it -- have a great deal of difficulty  
18 getting it out.

19 I am opposed to the berthing here for the very  
20 reasons that I was opposed to the original berthing at  
21 Hunters Point. It's dangerous to have this thing here,  
22 the Missouri here, with the cruise missiles and so on.  
23 They're not verifiable, the cruise missiles. The  
24 cruise missiles nuclear are not discernible from the  
25 cruise missiles nonnuclear. These are very frightening



1 things. This leads us to a knocking down of the  
2 threshold, a lowering of the threshold toward nuclear  
3 war. I am aware of this as a citizen of San Francisco,  
4 and I just beg that we really stop before we try a  
5 circumvention as I see this present proposal.

6 Thank you very much.

7 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: General Molette.

8 MR. MOLETTE: Dr. Coleman and Port Commission.  
9 It gives me great pleasure to be here and supporting  
10 the home port of the USS Missouri.

11 I would like to see the Missouri be home  
12 ported here for myself and for my fellow shipyard  
13 workers. We all know that will mean more jobs for me  
14 and for my fellow shipyard workers and for a lot of  
15 people here in San Francisco.

16 Something we are forgetting, one thing. What  
17 about those sailors who are here on those ships that  
18 need jobs when they get out? Because I have been  
19 working in the shipyards for four years, and I am very  
20 proud. It's something I love to do. I have helped a  
21 lot of sailors to get work in the shipyard, because a  
22 lot of them come to me and say: Hey, what can I do to  
23 get a job at your company or get a job in the shipyard?

24 I have helped them. I have told them what to  
25 do. Right now there are a couple guys working at my





1 company, Service Engineering, that I helped, and other  
2 companies. These guys, they don't have anywhere to go.  
3 They don't want to go back home. They want a job.

4 And by home porting the Missouri here, that  
5 will give them jobs, too, for the sailors and for the  
6 civilians. I am really supportive for that. I just  
7 hope these people who are against this will realize  
8 what's happening here.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. Greta Sugarman.

11 MS. SUGARMAN: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman  
12 and members of the Port Commission. My name is Greta  
13 Sugarman. I am a member of Educators for Social  
14 Responsibility, and I wish to address myself primarily  
15 for the young people in our community. I am also a  
16 grandmother and feel concerned about their future as  
17 well.

18 My concern is that whether we have home  
19 porting or just merely berth the Missouri, we are going  
20 to be confronted with Navy personnel who have already  
21 been exposed and known as carriers of AIDS.

22 In our own city, we are going to find a  
23 proliferation of single parents because our young  
24 people are ready to get out into the streets, welcome  
25 the Navy, and serve them. And you know the results of



1. that.

2. We attempt to have sex education in high  
3. school. We are working very, very hard at it. But  
4. education is difficult when you have a counterpart like  
5. that in our streets. And you will find that to be  
6. true. It will proliferate.

7. In addition to that, I feel that our young  
8. citizens are concerned. They worry about nuclear  
9. warfare. We know that to date we have been told what  
10. those ships are carrying. Are they going to have an  
11. accident in our own port? It's inevitable that  
12. something will happen sooner or later. We know that  
13. the Pacific is vulnerable, and we are going to bring it  
14. to our own backyards.

15. I strongly urge you that we go along with some  
16. of the other citizens in our city, and we do have a  
17. majority who wish to keep nuclear warfare out of this  
18. area. My main concern again is for the future citizens  
19. of our city.

20. Thank you.

21. CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. Next, Mr.  
22. Morris.

23. MR. MORRIS: Honorable commissioners, Henry  
24. Morris, and I am chairman of the Mayor's USS Missouri  
25. Citizens Committee.



1           It's my understanding that as a matter of fact  
2 the Navy's home porting concept has the approval of  
3 Congress, of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,  
4 and a majority of the residents of the city.

5           I am convinced that the loss of the Missouri  
6 battle group would be catastrophic to the  
7 blue-collar-based ship repair industry in the Bay Area.  
8 And this is corroborated again by the simple statistic  
9 of where there were 15 ship repair firms, now there are  
10 four. Two of them have gone under in just the past 12  
11 months.

12           And while it can be argued, I suppose, the  
13 precise number of additional jobs, what is a given is  
14 that it will be an incredible input to the economy and  
15 there will be an incredible number of jobs.

16           It is my understanding, honorable  
17 commissioners, that the matter before you is a  
18 resolution in which your staff would be directed to  
19 explore with the American Navy the temporary home  
20 porting of an American Navy ship.

21           I must say that I concur with the concluding  
22 remarks of the Port Director in expressing disbelief  
23 that in this day and age this kind of a debate of  
24 exploring whether or not an American ship can tie up in  
25 an American port, and the ship we are talking about is





1 a World War II steamship, is unbelievable. And I urge  
2 this honorable commission to put this resolution in its  
3 correct perspective and support it.

4 Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Jack Noble.

6 MR. CHATFIELD: If it's all right with the  
7 chairman, my colleague, Jack Noble, will switch places  
8 with me.

9 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Your name, sir?

10 MR. CHATFIELD: David Chatfield. It's a  
11 pleasure to be here. My name is David Chatfield. I am  
12 a 19-year resident of San Francisco and director of  
13 Greenpeace, an international organization in 17  
14 countries with 700,000 members in the United States.

15 Greenpeace urges the Port Commission to reject  
16 temporary docking facilities for the nuclear weapons  
17 battleship Missouri. We don't want the 17-ship  
18 Missouri battle group in the bay.

19 The reason we don't want it is because it's in  
20 the forefront of this administration's nuclear maritime  
21 strategy. The refitted Missouri represents projection  
22 of tactical and strategic nuclear weapons into the  
23 Pacific ocean and at this point, as you're probably  
24 aware, the Persian Gulf.

25 The Missouri battle group in the San Francisco



1 Bay is not primarily about whether we like the Navy,  
2 it's not primarily about the prospects of a jobs  
3 bonanza, although we have heard that there are cheaper  
4 and safer ways to make jobs.

5 It's not about the Mighty Mo in World War II.  
6 What the Missouri is about is a nuclear platform for  
7 tactical nuclear weapons designed to be used in, quote,  
8 limited theater engagements against enemy ships,  
9 submarines, and planes.

10 Can you imagine the implication for carrying  
11 this kind of weaponry in and near the Persian Gulf  
12 right now?

13 What the Missouri is about is a nuclear  
14 platform for strategic nuclear weapons. The Missouri's  
15 complement of 32 Tomahawk cruise missiles are similar  
16 in capability to the land-based weapons being  
17 negotiated right now at the highest levels, but naval  
18 base nuclear weapons carried by the Missouri are not  
19 part of these talks nor are they part of any other  
20 nuclear arms control talks.

21 What the nuclear-capable Missouri is therefore  
22 about is part of the Pentagon's quiet campaign to  
23 dramatically shift the balance of nuclear terror. It  
24 is part of a largely unseen shift of the nuclear arms  
25 race from land to sea.



1           The Missouri and the home porting idea are at  
2 the forefront of shifting 37 percent of all U.S.  
3 strategic and tactical nuclear weapons to the oceans.

4           Because the Navy engages in provocative  
5 practice tactical maneuvers against the Soviet Union,  
6 especially in the Western Pacific, Naval nuclear  
7 weapons are among the most exposed, most dangerous, and  
8 the most likely to start a nuclear war.

9           You probably read Hunt for Red October and  
10 seen the last scenes of Top Gun. Those fictions are  
11 not far from the truth. This is why we ask you not to  
12 explore a temporary site for the nuclear Missouri next  
13 to the Bay Bridge in a process with virtually no public  
14 notice in a room that holds only 50 people.

15           Giving this temporary facility to the nuclear  
16 weapons Missouri is like telling the Navy to park in  
17 no-parking zones so they can run inside to rob the  
18 Congressional store for a job that San Francisco  
19 doesn't really want done anyway, if the recent nuclear  
20 free zone vote means anything.

21           The curbside is a red zone, ladies and  
22 gentlemen.

23           Thank you.

24           CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: The honorable Lee Dolson,  
25 former member, Board of Supervisors.





1 MR. DOLSON: Thank you, Dr. Coleman and  
2 members. I am kind of personally involved in a number  
3 number of ways that I didn't expect to be. I was a  
4 radiological senior safety officer at the A-bomb test  
5 at Bikini Atol in 1946. They're obscene weapons, and I  
6 don't want them used here.

7 But I am going to tell you, it's not enough to  
8 worry just about nuclear warfare. And it's not enough  
9 to say that you have more than 50 percent of the people  
10 against nuclear warfare. You have a majority. You  
11 have 100 percent of the people in this city against  
12 nuclear warfare.

13 But also as a history professor and with a  
14 Ph.D. from Berkeley on that subject, I want to tell you  
15 that you haven't learned much if you haven't learned  
16 that weakness invites attack and that the failure to  
17 disperse the fleet at Pearl Harbor cost us a disaster.  
18 And to say that the sailors of this Navy of ours don't  
19 care about nuclear weapons is to discount the fact that  
20 in a war the people who bear the fight the most and who  
21 take the original casualties are the military.

22 Anybody who has seen an atomic bomb go off --  
23 and I don't know how many of the people who have talked  
24 today have seen that -- knows that it's obscene. But  
25 what happens if we invite an attack? What happens if



1 we invite nuclear warfare by being weak?

2 When the hostile bombs begin to drop, what do  
3 we do, run out there and hold up a sign saying we have  
4 always sympathized with the Russians. Stop, don't  
5 shoot at me.

6 It's ridiculous. As a matter of fact, this  
7 city should explore just what constitutes a fair share  
8 of the burdens in this modern world of ours that  
9 confront the United States and its maintenance of an  
10 effective defense force, particularly with respect to  
11 the Missouri. God bless it. And it's helping to keep  
12 the peace.

13 We have seen that EIR requirements have to be  
14 met in your exploration. We have seen that all charges  
15 as far as the monetary aspects of the whole thing have  
16 to be borne by the U.S. Navy.

17 Sure, there are problems, and I sympathize  
18 with people who think of these problems. And there are  
19 obvious burdens. But there are also benefits. One of  
20 the benefits is that with a strong defense you do not  
21 attack strength, and most certainly we don't want to  
22 invite an attack. We have to do our share here in this  
23 city that's supposed to know how. 10,000 jobs. The  
24 jobs, I care about. But that isn't the important  
25 thing. The important thing is to bear our burden and



1 our fair share burden of what is important to the  
2 defense of the United States. God bless it.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: All right. Larry Ebersole.

5 MR. EBERSOLE: I am Larry Ebersole. I am a  
6 mental health counselor. I am also very, very active  
7 with a number of human rights and anti-war  
8 organizations, the sum total of which are known as the  
9 Coalition for a Safe Bay.

10 I also have some gifts for you. These are  
11 gifts from a number of very angry attorneys who can not  
12 get in today, some of whom are even on the commission's  
13 mailing list.

14 Now, why can't they get in? Because no one is  
15 being decent enough to have this hearing in its proper  
16 parliamentary perspective. In other words, I think,  
17 dear commission, you are trying to pull a fast one on  
18 us. I really think you are.

19 First package I want to give you is from Sue  
20 Hester who demands to be let in so she can testify in  
21 her own behalf. There are copies for most of you.  
22 Please do read them. You know what angry attorneys do.  
23 They tend to sue.

24 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: I hate to interrupt you,  
25 but I think you heard the rules that as soon as people





1 have spoken, if they will leave, we can let others come  
2 in, and everyone outside as well as inside will have  
3 the opportunity to speak. I think that was an  
4 inappropriate or inaccurate statement.

5 MR. EBERSOLE: I know of people outside who  
6 have called and were not told of these rules, were not  
7 told that they needed a ticket, and were not told that  
8 they had a three-minute restriction on their comments,  
9 sir.

10 I happen to be one of them. I met several  
11 others outside. In fact, some of them work for San  
12 Francisco Tomorrow. Here are their comments. Please  
13 consider them.

14 I also have some comments to the Port  
15 Commission from Michael J. Baluba, also works with  
16 Western States Legal Foundation. Please consider his  
17 comments.

18 And I have others here, including my own,  
19 which you will find in Alternative 6, No Project. What  
20 is Alternative 6, No Project? It's what you should be  
21 considering here today. It means we do not need any  
22 further home porting, either temporary or permanent.

23 Please do read this. It's the unanimous  
24 testimony of an outspoken public, August 6, during a  
25 scoping session as part of the environmental procedures



1 that the Navy is required to go through under both the  
2 state environmental impact laws and the national  
3 environmental impact laws. You will find unanimous  
4 testimony opposing home porting. None of these points  
5 have yet been taken seriously, and they're all  
6 extremely valid, as I am sure you'll agree when you  
7 read them.

8 I have to tell you a couple other things. I  
9 realize I have three minutes, they're almost up. I  
10 will be very short. I am mostly being loud because,  
11 well, it's a long day and I have been standing outside  
12 for a while myself.

13 The main thing I have to tell you is this: I  
14 have been part of monitoring the environmental  
15 compliance of the U.S. Navy for over a year and a half  
16 now. I have been to 14 hearings. I have written  
17 things and heard myself know things I didn't know I  
18 could possibly learn. This has been an incredible  
19 introduction to participatory government.

20 I have noticed a few things. Quite frankly, I  
21 have noticed a lot of things. At this point, the  
22 Planning Commission has yet not certified the Missouri  
23 fleet home porting plan as being legal.

24 I have also noticed that on September 29 the  
25 Superior Court ruled that the MOU is not a legally



1. binding policy document; it's merely a planning study.

2. Now, what authority does this commission have  
3. to make policy? Considering that the home port  
4. commission co-founded by Mayor Feinstein -- who will be  
5. leaving office very soon, hopefully to be replaced by  
6. Art Agnos, who opposes home porting -- does not itself  
7. have the legal authority to make policy. This is what  
8. I want to leave you with. I am almost finished. I am  
9. almost finished.

10. CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Time is up. I think you  
11. have to understand one thing, because I don't want you  
12. to leave here with a lot of inaccuracies and untruths.

13. MR. EBERSOLE: I am prepared to stay.

14. CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: This is not a policy-making  
15. action being called for today. It's simply asking  
16. staff to explore, so we are not setting a policy.

17. MR. EBERSOLE: So, in other words, you're not  
18. agreeing to the temporary home porting of the  
19. Battleship Missouri, I hope.

20. CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: We are asking staff to  
21. explore. That is what we are asking.

22. MR. EBERSOLE: Well, I'd like a legal  
23. exploration, sir. Thank you very much.

24. CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: All right. Ken Selvidge.  
25. Is he here? Do you want to ask him to come in? While





1 he is coming in, I think we have Skip Lewis, who wants  
2 to make a statement. He has to leave. And then I will  
3 take Selvidge.

4 MR. LEWIS: Mr. President, members of the  
5 commission and distinguished guests. I won't be so  
6 presumptuous as to stand here and think that I can add  
7 anything new to those who are here advocating that we  
8 support this resolution.

9 I will certainly start out by telling you that  
10 I am in fact an employee of the Port of San Francisco,  
11 but I also want to tell you that I am here on my own  
12 time this afternoon.

13 Further, I would like to address an issue that  
14 I think is certainly a substantive matter in all of  
15 this, but not necessarily one that will be discussed by  
16 many today.

17 One of my activities outside of work has been  
18 the involvement with the Coalition for San Francisco  
19 Neighborhoods, where I served as a delegate for four  
20 years, as well as the president of the Twin Peaks  
21 Neighborhood Association for three years.

22 It's no secret that I have been actively  
23 involved in the campaign to elect Art Agnos as the next  
24 mayor. I want to make it clear that it's my  
25 understanding from many of the supporters of Art Agnos



1 and many of the supporters of the neighborhood  
2 associations that there is overwhelming support for the  
3 home porting or the temporary berthing, if you will, of  
4 the USS Missouri here in San Francisco.

5 So, I don't want there to be any  
6 misunderstanding with reference to the comment that the  
7 gentleman just made, trying to infer, perhaps, that  
8 since Mr. Agnos may well be the next mayor, that we are  
9 locked into some kind of a timetable here. I don't  
10 think that is the case. That is not the reading that I  
11 am getting. I think and I hope Art Agnos will be the  
12 mayor, but I don't know that that has much to do with  
13 keeping the USS Missouri out of San Francisco. It's  
14 the voters of this city that we should be looking to  
15 for this answer, and I think they have spoken loud and  
16 clear, the election past notwithstanding.

17 Thank you very much.

18 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: All right. Tom Caulfield.

19 MR. CAULFIELD: Dr. Coleman, members of the  
20 commission. I am here speaking mostly on my own  
21 behalf. I am a member of the Bay Area Peace Navy. I  
22 am a boater on the bay and the ocean around. I have  
23 also worked in and around the shipyards of the region  
24 for the last decade or decade and a half.

25 I want to bring up something that hasn't been



1 mentioned. What is it like to operate a small boat in  
2 a region where the Navy is carrying on large-scale  
3 operations? I am sure maybe some of you may be  
4 familiar with this document, this weekly notice to  
5 mariners. It's a frightening thing if you are  
6 operating a small boat, because -- in Southern  
7 California waters -- because there are in this, the  
8 latest issue, there are 12 areas in which  
9 air-to-surface gunnery, underwater demolition,  
10 something else, which any fisherman or boat operator  
11 has to stay well away from, going on. This is a weekly  
12 notice.

13           There are two notices relating to Northern  
14 California where there actually didn't used to be any  
15 or very few. It's increasing up here.

16           What is it going to be like when we have the  
17 Missouri and the battle group here?

18           I think -- one minute? I am going to shift  
19 gears and say something else. The decline in our ship  
20 repair facilities is not due to not having the Missouri  
21 here. It's due to the loss of the commercial ship  
22 repair. The commercial ships have gone elsewhere.

23           I think the Port Commission should ask itself  
24 what responsibility it bears in the loss to San  
25 Francisco's waterfront not only of the repair facility





1 but of also a lot of tonnage, commercial tonnage. Many  
2 companies have moved their loading to Oakland. And I  
3 think that is partly because of the Port Commission.

4 To conclude, I think that the Port Commission  
5 should address itself to getting commercial ships,  
6 commercial ship repair going here again. I think that  
7 I am really upset at not having a better presentation  
8 here, but I didn't have any time because you folks  
9 didn't give us very much notice. I think that you  
10 should adjourn this hearing and give notice to the  
11 public so that some really representative presentations  
12 can be heard.

13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. Ed Kaune,  
15 K-a-u-n-e.

16 MR. KAUNE: I know that time is of the  
17 essence, and I will be brief, but I want to point out  
18 that I have been around the Navy for many, many years,  
19 and I know that we depend upon the Navy not only for  
20 defense but we depend on it also for the economics of  
21 the area.

22 I know that this city desires to have the  
23 Navy. I know we are not telling the Navy they're not  
24 welcome. I know that we as a city want to have the  
25 input of the Navy. They help our schools. They're



1 helping in public programs. I have never seen where  
2 the Navy has come in and not helped the whole city that  
3 they have arrived in and as well as becoming a part of  
4 the element of defense.

5 The thing that appalls me is that here we are  
6 with a program that could well bring in the Navy, get  
7 them into this atmosphere and home ported. Home ported  
8 has been accepted as a theme. I think it should be.  
9 This country and this city especially should go ahead  
10 and let the Navy home port as they wish, and this will  
11 be an aid to all of us. I think it would be a crime  
12 not to.

13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: All right. Father Brannan.

15 FATHER STEPHEN BRANNAN: Good afternoon. My  
16 name is Father Stephen Brannan. I am a priest of the  
17 episcopal church, a lawyer, and a resident of San  
18 Francisco.

19 The issue of whether or not the Port  
20 Commission is going to lease Piers 30 and 32 to the  
21 Navy for the home porting of the Missouri is not only  
22 one of nuclear, environmental and economic issues, but  
23 also an issue of whether or not to affirmatively  
24 participate in a morally and legally bankrupt foreign  
25 military policy of the Reagan administration.



1           When home porting was first raised, former  
2           Secretary of the Navy John Lehman stated publicly that  
3           a primary reason for choosing San Francisco was  
4           proximity to Central America, and a contemplated use of  
5           the Missouri in Central America, to enforce  
6           administration policy.

7           Home porting is not an issue of legitimate  
8           defense, nor is the issue really one of hospitality to  
9           American sailors, nor is it fundamentally an issue of  
10          jobs. It is a basic issue of morality and  
11          international law. It is an issue of 150,000  
12          civilians, including a vast number of women, children,  
13          young people, and the elderly tortured and murdered in  
14          Central America by military forces financed, armed,  
15          trained, advised and supported by an administration  
16          which shows little but contempt for the law and for  
17          basic human rights and values.

18          As stated by the former Secretary of the Navy,  
19          home porting is an integral part of this bankrupt  
20          policy. People opposed to home porting are not  
21          personally antagonistic to people who serve in the Navy  
22          nor to shipyard workers nor to legitimate defense. We  
23          are opposed to an administration policy which makes  
24          good, honest, hard-working people accomplices to a  
25          policy of oppression and mass murder under the





1 carefully calculated guise of national security,  
2 hospitality and jobs.

3 The basic issue was dealt with most forcefully  
4 at the Nuremberg war crimes trials in 1946. Among  
5 other acts held criminal by the international military  
6 tribunal were murder of noncombatants and the targeting  
7 of civilian populations --

8 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: You have one minute, sir.

9 FATHER BRANNAN: -- regardless of any  
10 purported reasons of military necessity or security.

11 The court was also clear that those who plan,  
12 support and supply such actions are also legally  
13 culpable. On that basis, many German military  
14 personnel and civilians were tried, convicted and  
15 sentenced, and some executed.

16 A very telling statement was made at the  
17 conclusion of the Nuremberg trials by the chief U.S.  
18 prosecutor, Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson. He  
19 said: We are not prepared to lay down a rule of  
20 criminal conduct for others which we would not be  
21 willing to have invoked against us. I am invoking it  
22 here and now before you.

23 As a resident of San Francisco, I don't like  
24 being made an accomplice to a criminal policy. And I  
25 don't want my city to make other good people



1 accomplices to such a policy.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you.

4 MS. CANSON: Mr. Chairman and members of the  
5 commission, first let me apologize. If you'll note on  
6 the copy before you, I have elevated the executive  
7 director. I apologize.

8 My name is Virna Canson, and I am regional  
9 director of the West Coast Region NAACP. The West  
10 Coast region encompasses nine western states, and our  
11 newest chapter of the NAACP, in Okinawa, Japan.

12 Our office is in support of home porting of  
13 the Missouri. We have made that position quite clear.  
14 We are extremely proud of the leadership Admiral Robert  
15 Tony has provided.

16 We believe home porting will bring to this  
17 area resources which are vitally needed to provide an  
18 economic infusion into an area where unemployment is at  
19 35 percent.

20 We support the interim steps and commend the  
21 mayor for her leadership in trying to save this  
22 project.

23 NAACP has set the pursuit of economic equality  
24 as a major companion priority. Our historic role as  
25 champion of legal equality has served to enrich the



1 entire family of protected classes. Unfortunately, the  
2 yield for blacks economically has lagged behind that of  
3 others. We regret that the issue of economic  
4 development and enrichment for blacks in many areas  
5 brings us into confrontation with various  
6 environmentalists.

7           However, the circumstances under which a  
8 majority of blacks live today are such that our  
9 interests of absolute necessity are fundamentally those  
10 of the elementary tools of survival -- employment,  
11 housing, education, and the pursuit of equality.

12           We urge the commission to approve the  
13 temporary facilities at 30 and 32, and we further urge  
14 that the commission support and advocate permanent home  
15 porting of the Missouri.

16           Thank you very much.

17           CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. Is Jack Noble  
18 in now?

19           MR. NOBLE: Good afternoon, commissioners. My  
20 name is Jack Noble. I am a San Francisco resident.

21           I am here today to voice my opposition to the  
22 Missouri, and my reasons are two-fold. The main issue,  
23 my friends, is priorities, priorities that we as a  
24 country and we as a planet have not seen before and are  
25 not addressing today.





1           The issue is one of war. Nothing has changed  
2 in centuries, millennia, in this nation or on this  
3 planet. The root of war is the same as it always has  
4 been. What has changed is our technology, is our  
5 weaponry, which is nothing except the ability to kill  
6 greater numbers more efficiently.

7           To be honest, my friends, I am scared. I am  
8 scared that myself, you all, my colleagues are not  
9 going to make it for another 100, 200,000 years. Why?  
10 Because since 1945, since the atomic age began,  
11 everything in the future of this planet has changed, as  
12 Albert Einstein realized, except for the root of war,  
13 our inability to resolve conflicts nonviolently. That  
14 is what scares me.

15           There is a second issue. The issue is jobs.  
16 Today, right now, the issue is jobs, the issue is food,  
17 the issue is housing, the issue is education.

18           Why are these lacking? Are these lacking  
19 because the Reagan administration spent almost two  
20 trillion dollars in its first five years on the  
21 military? What could we do with that two trillion  
22 dollars? We could house almost every individual in the  
23 country, feed them, give them jobs. We could create an  
24 incredible nation, a nation that we have assumed we are  
25 for the last 200 years.



1           So please, my friends, listen to what I am  
2 saying. Don't react. Don't be a reactionary to catch  
3 words. The issue is priorities. Good planets are hard  
4 to find, my friends. We may not have a second chance.

5           Thank you.

6           CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Ken Selvidge. Following  
7 Mr. Selvidge we will take a five-minute recess so we  
8 can reorganize for the next group of speakers.

9           MR. SELVIDGE: I thank you for the opportunity  
10 that has been presented by the Port Authority to speak.  
11 I speak as a resident of San Francisco. I speak as a  
12 businessman in San Francisco. I speak as a concerned  
13 citizen coming before you, asking you to endorse the  
14 issue that's been proposed for the temporary home  
15 porting of the battleship at Pier 30-32.

16           I too agree that the issue is priorities. I  
17 think the priorities must be clearly examined to be our  
18 nation's defense and also the economic well-being of  
19 the City of San Francisco and its citizens. You may  
20 today have in your hands the opportunity to administer  
21 the coup de grace to the maritime industry in San  
22 Francisco.

23           I urge you to support this issue. I have had  
24 the opportunity in the last 24 months to be involved in  
25 the BCDC hearings where I witnessed an environmental



1 report prepared by the Navy and endorsed by a vote of  
2 22 to nothing by the BCDC. I think that vote must  
3 surely speak for itself with regards to the Navy's  
4 efforts to conform to the environmental requirements.

5 I have also sat through hearings for the  
6 environmental impact survey that were conducted by the  
7 Navy. I would suggest that if it was private industry  
8 wanting to take advantage of Pier 30-32, we would leap  
9 at the opportunity.

10 I would suggest that we have an opportunity to  
11 support our nation's defense program and make sure that  
12 our priorities are in order.

13 I thank you for this opportunity to speak  
14 today.

15 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. We will take a  
16 five-minute recess, and those who had a chance to  
17 speak, we would appreciate it if they would leave so we  
18 can -- I think we have about 15 more speakers.

19 [Brief recess]

20 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: We'd like to reconvene now.  
21 I'd like to make just a brief announcement for the  
22 benefit of those who are in the room for the first  
23 time. Originally we were trying to take speakers for  
24 and against, on an alternating basis, but it would  
25 appear that based upon my list now, I will just simply





1 call names, and you can state either directly or in  
2 your remarks whether you're for or against.

3 Secondly, I want to make it very clear to  
4 those who may not have a copy of the resolution what  
5 action is being asked of the commission today. There  
6 are a number of whereases, but the resolved is that the  
7 San Francisco Port Commission hereby directs staff to  
8 explore with the United States Navy the use of Pier  
9 30-32 to temporarily berth the USS Missouri, provided  
10 that all environmental review requirements are met and  
11 all appropriate port fees and charges are paid by the  
12 United States Navy.

13 So, there is no action being asked to direct  
14 staff to develop a lease or an agreement with the Navy,  
15 but simply to explore the feasibility of such a  
16 relationship.

17 The first name I have represents the Board of  
18 Supervisors and the president of the board, Jean  
19 Harris.

20 MS. HARRIS: Members of the commission, my  
21 name is Jean Harris. I am the legislative aide for  
22 Supervisor Harry Britt, and I am also here in the name  
23 of Supervisor Nancy Walker, who is the president of the  
24 Board.

25 Both Harry and Nancy have been in strong



1, opposition for the home porting of the Missouri. There  
2 are a couple of things. Those of you who are members  
3 of the Commission have a copy of Supervisor Nancy  
4 Walker's letter which you might take a look at.

5 Our main concern is that this has come up  
6 before the board through a long and tedious process.  
7 My job as an aide is to take phone calls and facilitate  
8 the resolutions that come up before the board. I can  
9 guarantee you that I have had myself personally  
10 hundreds and hundreds of calls on both sides of this  
11 issue, and I can empathize with you today with your  
12 committee meeting, because the City Hall, the Board of  
13 Supervisors chambers have been packed every time this  
14 issue has come up with concerns from both sides.

15 But it also is clear that we had two  
16 candidates for mayor who were very outspoken on this  
17 issue, and we know who is the front runner in this  
18 particular mayor's campaign and what his position was  
19 on the Missouri.

20 Although the vote with the Board of  
21 Supervisors was a six to five vote, there was also a  
22 previous vote where the very same issue lost five to  
23 six. So it's one of those issues that is very hard to  
24 find a clear answer of: Are the citizens of this city  
25 truly in favor of the home porting?



1 I think the important part of Supervisor  
2 Walker's letter is in the third to the last paragraph  
3 where it says -- and this came about with those of us  
4 concerned about this issue meeting with the City  
5 Attorney's Office -- and it states: The City Attorney  
6 has opinioned that the Port Commission may not act on  
7 this item today nor at any time until an Environmental  
8 Impact Report has been completed on the temporary  
9 berthing of the Missouri at the Port of San Francisco.

10 Our concerns are, No. 1, is that although the  
11 Mayor's Office, who had the opportunity to know about  
12 this meeting last week, we, the members of the board,  
13 and those who work for the members of the board, did  
14 not hear about this until yesterday. I am concerned  
15 about that kind of communication.

16 We are opposed to this special project or this  
17 idea. And I am here to make sure that you have a copy  
18 of the letter, and those who are with the press, if  
19 you'd like a copy of the letter from Nancy Walker's  
20 office, I'd be glad to make it available to you.

21 Thank you very much.

22 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Michael Regan.

23 MR. REGAN: Members of the commission, thank  
24 you for letting me speak. I too am a little bit  
25 concerned about the time. I just found out about this





1 meeting at 11:30 this morning.

2 I represent the boilermakers union, and I am  
3 also today representing the Bay City Metal Trades, as  
4 we didn't get anybody else here.

5 I went down to talk to some of my brothers and  
6 sisters outside and asked them if they wanted to speak.  
7 They said: We are paying you to speak for us. So I  
8 will.

9 We are primarily working in the ship repair  
10 industry, an industry that has been devastated in the  
11 last 20 years to the point that all we have now to work  
12 for is Navy work.

13 I just read a pamphlet you have outside saying  
14 that 88 percent of all ship repair industry in the Bay  
15 Area is done on Navy vessels. The Navy is our bread  
16 and butter. You can find us civilian work, and you can  
17 do that all you want, and I'd appreciate civilian work.  
18 I need it. But meanwhile, we need to make our car  
19 payments and our house payments.

20 We work with our hands and we build things.  
21 We are almost an endangered species in this town.  
22 People that are proud of their job because they don't  
23 have to guess about what they're doing because they can  
24 look back and see it standing behind them are leaving  
25 this town because there isn't any work.



1 I am sick of it. I have been living here for  
2 15 years, and I love this town. I love this city a  
3 lot. And you're talking about an environmental impact  
4 study for a ship berthing at a pier she's already sat  
5 at, for a ship that is no different than any other  
6 ship. You have tankers out here every day transferring  
7 oil and there is no gripe about that. That is work.  
8 We are talking about a ship that's built in 1942.  
9 People have called it a nuclear-powered battle ship.  
10 People talk about the nuclear issues on the ship. If  
11 it had 16-inch guns on it, they're there for a reason.  
12 Those guns have been there for a long time.

13 I just wish that there were more people in the  
14 commissions and the supervisors office, et cetera, that  
15 realize that people that work for a living have to find  
16 a place to work, and you have to provide it. I just  
17 wish you'd consider that, and urge you to consider the  
18 people that are not up here demonstrating, that are out  
19 there working, and they need your help.

20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Katherine Brewer. Is she  
22 here? Victor Honig, H-o-n-i-g.

23 MR. HONIG: My name is Victor Honig, and I am  
24 a long-time resident of San Francisco, former human  
25 rights commissioner, and I represent the national board



1 of Gray Panthers, and I am president of Honig  
2 Properties, which operate warehouses and office  
3 buildings in San Francisco.

4 I am distressed that the question of changing  
5 a plan that the Port of San Francisco, the Port  
6 Authority has been involved in, just at the point where  
7 the port is beginning to develop jobs which are  
8 meaningful, civilian, which have radiation into all of  
9 the industry, because, after all, one of the main  
10 assets of San Francisco is our commercial port. We  
11 hear about not using it any more except for the  
12 Missouri.

13 In today's New York Times on the front page of  
14 the financial section, there is a picture of one of the  
15 piers of San Francisco, showing how, as a result of the  
16 new shipping opportunities in San Francisco, we are  
17 shipping Caterpillar tractors all over the Pacific.

18 It's a very positive thing. To now stop that  
19 and to home port the USS Missouri will deal a severe  
20 blow to the economy of San Francisco. And I think it  
21 would be shameful on all other grounds which you have  
22 heard before. In addition to those, just for the  
23 economy of San Francisco, when the Mayor and every  
24 single official is talking about new industry and  
25 better industry, which radiate more and better jobs, to





1 go to the old hack of defense. The Missouri is already  
2 home ported someplace. There is no rush. The Missouri  
3 is now in the Persian Gulf. It is not waiting to be  
4 ported at Pier 30-32. It has lots of time. It's time  
5 for this Port Commission to do an economic study to see  
6 what the possibilities are for jobs and which gives  
7 more, as all other studies have shown, civilian or  
8 military.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. Al Williams  
11 with the First Unitarian Church.

12 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. Coleman and  
13 members of the Port Commission. I am Al Williams. And  
14 as a native San Franciscan, I am speaking against the  
15 berthing of any war ship in San Francisco Bay, in what  
16 may sound very whimsical, in honor of the saint whose  
17 name our city bears and in recognition as well as  
18 remembrance of the fact that the United Nations charter  
19 was written and signed in our city right across the  
20 avenue from our city hall and the mayor's office.

21 There is another fact that should prohibit the  
22 berthing of the USS Missouri in particular from being  
23 berthed in our bay. It was on its deck that General  
24 McArthur accepted the surrender of the Japanese at the  
25 end of World War II and demanded that they henceforth



1 renounce war and preparations for waging it.

2 I could quote Douglas McArthur, but in the  
3 interest of time, I will skip to say this, so we may  
4 have the messages of both St. Francis of Assisi and one  
5 of our modern-day greatest military heroes being  
6 repudiated by our mayor's efforts to home port the  
7 Missouri and its support flotilla of warships in San  
8 Francisco Bay because, with all due respect, in her  
9 questionable opinion, it will produce more net income  
10 and jobs for our city.

11 I empathize with the boilermakers union man,  
12 but I am afraid that we should find better ways of  
13 seeking prosperity. I feel, along with Brian Willson,  
14 who was maimed trying to stop weapons going to Central  
15 America from the Concord Naval Weapons Station, that  
16 instead of being a peace symbol memorializing the end  
17 of our war with Japan, the Missouri re-equipped for  
18 combat is a war symbol memorializing the world's  
19 failure to abide by the U.N. charter and our foolish  
20 willingness to continue to engage in antiquated gunboat  
21 diplomacy.

22 Is that the kind of symbol we want in our bay  
23 because we are incapable of coming up with better means  
24 of maintaining and increasing prosperity in San  
25 Francisco and its environs? I think not. I suspect a



1 majority of my fellow American citizens in the Bay Area  
2 agree.

3 So, again with all due respect, I recommend  
4 that you, commissioners of the Port of San Francisco,  
5 vote your consciences and vote against our San  
6 Francisco mayor's proposal.

7 Thank you very much.

8 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. Archie Brown.

9 MR. BROWN: My name is Archie Brown. I am  
10 speaking against the proposal. You know what you've  
11 got here is the old game of divide and rule. The  
12 longshoremen are pitted against the shipyard workers,  
13 and the shipyard workers are pitted against the  
14 longshormen. Because Pier 30-32 is supposed to be  
15 scheduled for a container yard setup. And you can't do  
16 that with the Missouri in there.

17 So then the longshoremen jobs and the other  
18 waterfront workers go down the drain or are hampered.

19 You know why the shipyard workers can only  
20 have Navy work here? I will tell you why. Because the  
21 work is being done overseas. U.S. ships are being  
22 built overseas. What should happen is that everybody,  
23 longshoremen and shipyard workers, all the whole labor  
24 movement, ought to say: Hey, bring that work back to  
25 the United States where it belongs. And then you won't





1 have this problem.

2 You know, you got Reagan and big monopoly  
3 attacking the workers, dividing us, kicking us in the  
4 teeth. What we got to do is unite and not permit that  
5 kind of stuff to happen. That is the main thing.

6 Now, the Communist Party of San Francisco  
7 condemns the last-ditch effort by the lame duck mayor  
8 to foist the home porting of the Missouri on the people  
9 of San Francisco and the entire Bay Area.

10 The plan to temporarily berth the Missouri at  
11 Piers 30 and 32 will delay the projected renovation of  
12 the port and creation of longshore jobs there. The  
13 Missouri is in fact an anti-job proposition across the  
14 board.

15 The money found, in quotes, by Mayor Feinstein  
16 to lure the Navy here should instead be put into  
17 city-administered alternative economic development  
18 funds to, one, repair the streets and infrastructure  
19 and build affordable housing for the community, not the  
20 Navy; preserve and expand small business and light  
21 industrial uses at Hunters Point; train and place  
22 community residents in the construction, repair and  
23 light industrial jobs that result from such a program.

24 Finally, the new mayor should join with  
25 officials in cities all over the country in demanding



1 massive cuts in military spending to free up the funds  
2 needed for an economic program to rebuild this country  
3 and create jobs for the unemployed at Hunters Point,  
4 San Francisco, and other communities.

5 Thank you very much.

6 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. I might like to  
7 take this opportunity, sir, to inform you that the  
8 policy of this commission is to support a container  
9 freight station at 30 and 32. Let me assure you, as  
10 long as Commissioner Herman is sitting to my right and  
11 I am to his left, that policy will not change.

12 This is simply talking about a temporary  
13 berthing. I know people are frightened by the word  
14 "temporary" as being permanent, but my commitment is to  
15 see that that is a container freight station.

16 MR. BROWN: Brother Herman and I are long  
17 acquaintances. I will believe about 30-32 when it's  
18 done. We've got promises this long from this  
19 commission and elsewhere. Remember about the Nell  
20 Award when we were up here? You said: We can't do  
21 nothing. It's a federal program. Now you say the Navy  
22 is not a federal program, it's a city program.

23 So, you know, we get it coming and going.  
24 Thank you kindly.

25 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. Harold Madison.



1           MR. MADISON: Mr. Coleman and commissioners.  
2       My name is Harold Madison. I am a long-time resident  
3       of the Bayview-Hunters Point community. Also Dr.  
4       Coleman is my neighbor. In fact, he's my doctor.

5           But I am here today to speak from experience  
6       concerning the Missouri. I worked on the Missouri. I  
7       have been on the Missouri, 1945.

8           I think you said the main question you were  
9       interested in was the environment and the money. Is  
10      that it? Is that the main one you're trying to see  
11      whether you temporary it or not? Well, at that time --  
12      temporary home port the Missouri. At that time when I  
13      was, wasn't on the Missouri, down at Hunters Point, you  
14      could see at that time a big pipe in the hull of that  
15      Missouri that put out all of the sewage, raw sewage at  
16      that time, raw sewage and all of the oil and  
17      everything. That has stayed there for at least a month  
18      or two months during this. That oil is still there in  
19      Hunters Point. It's in the ground now.

20          Another thing about the money proposition. We  
21      feel, and the Bayview-Hunters Point community, and I am  
22      the president of the Shafter Community Club, have been  
23      serving for 18 years as a volunteer worker out there.  
24      I am a retired man from Bethlehem Steel Corporation, 31  
25      years, but I have been serving the community all this





1 time free of charge. And we were successful in getting  
2 a "no" vote out of the Board of Supervisors first time.

3 And luckily somebody twisted somebody's arm  
4 and got one more vote to change, and it changed hands  
5 so they got a vote to import the Missouri here.

6 But what we are concerned about, the \$2  
7 million that we are going to have to spend from the  
8 city, Port Commission treasury or the city treasury to  
9 bring that Missouri here and stirring up all of this  
10 oil that I saw with my own eyes in 1945 being dumped in  
11 the bay from the battleship Missouri. I know it's down  
12 there because I watched it. I worked on it.

13 So, we are asking you, not to disrespect the  
14 congressional body of this country. Congressman  
15 Dellums and that body, they looked at that real good.  
16 They felt environmental issues should be fully studied  
17 and fully looked at before you bring it into San  
18 Francisco. And for this body, and with all due respect  
19 from the community representative -- and, Dr. Coleman,  
20 you know I have been to all the meetings that you and I  
21 have been to, and you know how our community has been  
22 feeling, even the Catholic community out there at  
23 Hunters Point, why, the jobs are 45 percent, 35  
24 percent. That is the unemployment rate out there.

25 But still, we met, Catholic churches, Shafter



1 Community Club, and the community always turned down  
2 this Missouri. Why? Because we are concerned, same  
3 thing that Congressman Dellums says: The environment,  
4 and those issues should be fully investigated by this  
5 board.

6 Then another thing I don't like, and this is  
7 my last speech. I am glad we have freedom of speech.  
8 When the mayor is going out of office in just a few  
9 weeks, then to subject our commissioners to make this  
10 type of decision on the communities, we don't like it.  
11 We think you shouldn't be saddled with an issue like  
12 this when she is going out of office. It's a shame  
13 that this commission has to look at this matter at this  
14 time. It shouldn't be. I am asking you, Dr. Coleman  
15 and all the commissioners, look at the human part of it  
16 here right now. Think about it. Turn down this  
17 proposal. Give us time to investigate for our lives,  
18 for the city. We need that time.

19 I thank you very much.

20 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. Just for  
21 clarification, Mr. Madison. The issue of environmental  
22 concern is what we are asking staff to do, to look into  
23 fully the environmental aspects.

24 MR. MADISON: We are asking you all, too,  
25 because it is very important. I saw the stuff come out



1 of this Missouri, and it's there, Dr. Coleman. It's  
2 there now.

3 Why should we be in such an urgent -- to  
4 affect the lives of people, not only the city at  
5 Hunters Point, all around the city. Why should this be  
6 so urgent when we have time, even if they make the  
7 decision to bring the Missouri here, dredge the thing,  
8 get the toxic waste out of there so it won't affect our  
9 beautiful state park going in over there, the fish that  
10 we have out there.

11 Take your time. Don't let anybody push you  
12 into something that is going to be harmful to the  
13 communities in San Francisco. We need your expert  
14 knowledge, and you have it. Every one of you have it  
15 here. We know it is a political issue, but you don't  
16 need to make that political statement right now. We  
17 got people coming in that will oppose --

18 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: There are other speakers.

19 MR. MADISON: Thank you very much.

20 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Mr. Tom Brown. Is he here?

21 MR. BROWN: Dr. Coleman, members of the board.  
22 My name is Rear Admiral Tom Brown. I am a former  
23 battle group commander of the Coral Sea, USS Carl  
24 Vincent, USS Midway and others.

25 I have been a citizen of San Francisco since





1 1985, when I retired from active duty after 31 years,  
2 and I am presently a teacher in the Bay Area.

3 I am here mainly to speak to you as a citizen  
4 of San Francisco and as somebody who is concerned about  
5 my grandchildren and about the youth of the country.

6 Now, there are lots of reasons why we should  
7 home port the Missouri in San Francisco Bay. You have  
8 heard most of them today. There are economic reasons.  
9 You have the hard hats, members of the union, and  
10 others up here to speak pretty eloquently about the  
11 economic factors.

12 I would just like to stress the point that,  
13 without the Missouri, our port might lose all ship  
14 repair jobs. As was pointed out by the man who just  
15 spoke here, we are no longer able to compete very well  
16 for the repair of our civilian ships in competition  
17 with the wages that are being paid overseas, and, as a  
18 result, we are losing that.

19 We have an opportunity to keep the jobs going  
20 with repair of Navy ships.

21 There are other reasons, readiness reasons.  
22 We have a situation where when the war started in World  
23 War II, we had an opportunity to expand our repair  
24 facilities on out to various ports.

25 What I am afraid of is if all the maintenance

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1 capability dries up here in the Bay Area, we will have  
2 no expansion capability. We need to keep some jobs,  
3 some people working in the Bay Area so that we will  
4 have an expansion capability.

5 We are spending billions of dollars on the  
6 600-ship Navy, no doubt about it. We need to get the  
7 maximum readiness out of that investment, and the way  
8 to do it is to home port a battle group here in the Bay  
9 Area.

10 Well, I could go on and on. There is national  
11 security reasons, there is deterrent reasons. The most  
12 important reason why we have a military is to prevent  
13 war. That is the most important reason why we are  
14 spending the money that we spend on military and on the  
15 Missouri and any others ships, is to prevent war from  
16 happening.

17 So the way to do that is to be maximum ready.  
18 There are moral reasons in support. There are  
19 patriotic reasons in support.

20 There is another very importance issue, and  
21 that is that the whole world, the rest of the world, is  
22 looking at San Francisco right now with regard to this  
23 issue of the home porting of the Missouri.

24 But I would just say this commission and you  
25 people here need to take a look at what is best for the



1 Port of San Francisco. And after you get through  
2 hearing what you have heard today, I think it will be  
3 obvious that what is best for the Port of San Francisco  
4 is to get the Missouri in here, wherever, Pier 30-32,  
5 so we can keep the momentum going until we get the  
6 Hunters Point issues cleared up.

7 So I ask you for your vote in support of home  
8 porting temporarily at Pier 30-32.

9 Thank you very much.

10 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: John Wahl.

11 MR. WAHL: Mr. President and members of the  
12 commission. My name is John Wahl. I am a property  
13 owner. I also have a small sail boat which I sail on  
14 the bay. I am also a gay activist and an attorney. I  
15 began living in San Francisco in 1963 when I got out of  
16 the Navy after being an aircraft commander in 1958 when  
17 many of these gentlemen with the stripes on their  
18 sleeves were still in high school.

19 I want to say that I am appalled at the  
20 procedure that is happening with this commission's  
21 proceedings. The draft resolution which the Mayor of  
22 San Francisco gave the people, the understanding was  
23 produced by the Port Commission, shows at the top, in a  
24 little bit of of a smoking gun line, that it was typed  
25 on the city hall Wang typewriter one hour after closing





1 time on Friday the 13th, and it originated in the  
2 Mayor's Office.

3 If you will all look at your pages, you will  
4 see that. This is, as some of my black friends say,  
5 shuck and jive that is being foisted on the citizens of  
6 San Francisco. And I, for one, am sick of it.

7 We are being asked to spend millions of  
8 dollars to dredge a bay which is probably undredgeable  
9 because of the dangerous toxicity of what is just a few  
10 feet below the surface of the bottom.

11 We are being asked to spend millions of  
12 dollars of taxpayers money to do that when we have, as  
13 the person who I suppose appointed many of you is  
14 leaving office, leaving us with a \$76 million deficit.  
15 We are being asked to do that when these gentlemen  
16 wearing the stripes on their sleeves discriminate  
17 against my gay, lesbian and bisexual brothers and  
18 sisters.

19 I saw Harvey Milk's body and blood on City  
20 Hall's floor the day he was shot because of that kind  
21 of homophobia. And I am angered, very angered at a  
22 mayor who will try in her lame duck months to move to  
23 the right, the way certain other politicians have  
24 announced they're moving to the right.

25 I think that maybe we need the brightness of



1 the Sixties to lighten up the gloominess of the  
2 Eighties under a mayor who is now leaving. If she  
3 wants to be Pat Robertson's running mate, that is her  
4 business, but we deserve better than this.

5 I waited since quarter to 2:00 outside, with  
6 many people who are still waiting out there, and saw  
7 discriminatory admission to this room. Mr. Russ  
8 Gorman, sitting over there, was telling -- who is a  
9 proponent of the Missouri -- was telling all of us that  
10 he had breakfast with the chief of police this morning.  
11 And some police officer said: Well, go down outside  
12 and see one of the, either the chief or the deputy  
13 chief was out there. He did. He was brought up by  
14 some police officers, ushered in when he did not have a  
15 ticket. He now has a ticket, which he got inside long  
16 before the rest of us who were here ahead of him.

17 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Your time is about up, sir.

18 MR. WAHL: All right. And the police would  
19 not tell us who ordered him in.

20 Quentin Kopp came in here without a ticket. I  
21 am appalled at this, commissioners, and it's better  
22 than San Francisco -- San Francisco deserves better  
23 than this.

24 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. Alan Ramo.

25 MR. RAMO: Mr. Chairman, members of the



1 commission. When I first heard about this idea, I  
2 thought that's a neat idea. But I think what we are  
3 beginning to learn is that neat ideas sometimes get us  
4 into trouble.

5 We are seeing that on the federal level. I'd  
6 hate to see that on the local level. I have been  
7 involved in this controversy, I think, since it was  
8 first announced, and have gone to hearings after  
9 hearing where hundreds and hundreds of people have  
10 testified, some for, some against the Missouri. But  
11 they all obeyed the process. They all felt that their  
12 testimony would be heard, that the processes  
13 represented to them would be the one that would occur.  
14 There were private consultants hired, there was agency  
15 review, and we all made our points of view heard. And  
16 that review process is still going on.

17 I'd hate to see all of them, both pro and  
18 against the Missouri, cheated by a run around the  
19 process.

20 When I heard about this, I said: There must  
21 be someone on the Port Commission or someone in the  
22 administration who understands that loyalty may not be  
23 just doing what the boss says, but as Weinberger and  
24 Schultz discovered, loyalty may be telling the boss and  
25 the administration: I understand your passion, I





1 understand your concern. This is a ridiculous idea. I  
2 still hope that happens somewhere before it's too late.

3 There are a number of very complicated issues  
4 with the Missouri, far beyond the dredging.

5 Have you been briefed on the oil spills? Do  
6 you know the consultants of the Navy said that  
7 potentially oil spills in the bay may go up one-third.

8 Have you been briefed on the traffic? Have  
9 you been briefed on where the sailors on the ship are  
10 going to live? Wherever it's docked, they're going to  
11 have to live somewhere. They're going to have to get  
12 in their cars and go somewhere. Who is going to deal  
13 with that? Do you want to start the process again and  
14 begin it again? Do you want to do a short, meaningless  
15 sham review? We have a long process. It's very  
16 complicated. Let's let it play out. If someone  
17 objects to it, they can go to court. That is how our  
18 system works. And whatever your passions about the  
19 Missouri are, there is something more at stake here. I  
20 think that is the process and what we are going to do.

21 Now, I understand the resolution has been  
22 changed, some say watered down. You may be within  
23 legal parameters -- I will leave that to the lawyers  
24 who specialize in the Brown Act and CEQA -- by agreeing  
25 to just do an exploratory review.



1           But I think what you're hearing today is that  
2 there is something else going on, which is the  
3 appearance. How does it look to people when one side  
4 loses a vote and they decide to rush something through,  
5 something as important as this?

6           If you believe the Missouri should come here,  
7 I think that is because you think it's an important  
8 issue, that there is some fundamental things going on  
9 here. Well, it's being studied. Let's do it right.  
10 Let's not rush to judgment at this point because  
11 somebody lost an election. That is not the way our  
12 system works. I don't think we should lose our system  
13 to gain a national defense to defend it.

14           Thank you.

15           CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Orving Fromer.

16           MR. FROMER: Yes. I am Orving Fromer. I have  
17 been in the Bay Area most of my life, now in Marin.

18           Before I get into it, I'd like to say that  
19 this should have been moved to an adequate room as a  
20 public hearing. But, as you know, we have by  
21 overwhelming vote a nuclear free zone in Marin, and we  
22 are happy to have been joined by San Francisco in a  
23 nuclear free zone.

24           Does that have something to do with nuclear  
25 weapons coming into our bay, nuclear waste being dug



1 up? Obviously. It's obvious. If you can in nothing  
2 flat clear that question up, you're pretty quick. The  
3 quickness of this is something else.

4 I do want to protest what I see as a proposal  
5 to have public funds, including federal funds, if I am  
6 not mistaken, spent on the Missouri home porting  
7 project in obvious evasion, if not flagrant defiance,  
8 of the U.S. Congress, which is supposed to have to do  
9 with where these funds are spent, on what. It's part  
10 of our being able to decide things as a people through  
11 our Congress.

12 This expenditure, which I, without being a  
13 lawyer, see as illegal in the first place, is part of a  
14 design in which jobs are dangled. Actually, it's a  
15 pretty transparent effort to make this Bay Area of ours  
16 dependent on military jobs. And it's a delusion. We  
17 know that every dollar spent on that kind of job is a  
18 robbery from the needs of the people and money spent on  
19 jobs in such peaceful things as transport, schools we  
20 need -- you name it -- would produce a lot more jobs.

21 Also I have to look at the larger picture. I  
22 represent Marin People for Peace, but I am a father and  
23 a grandfather, and I know, as the saying says, if we  
24 keep going in the direction we are going, we are apt to  
25 get there. If that applies to this military buildup,





1 and the home porting is even unnecessary in military  
2 terms, what it means is, first of all, in terms of  
3 budget priorities, robbing -- and Eisenhower said this  
4 many times over -- robbing the needs of the people,  
5 taking it out of the mouths of those 12 million hungry  
6 children we have in this country.

7 If you followed each of those children for  
8 half the time --

9 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: You have about 20 seconds.

10 MR. FROMER: -- it would take you 45 years to  
11 think of each of those hungry eyes.

12 If you thought a little further, you might  
13 think that going in this direction, rather than  
14 providing for disarmament, which is open to us now, we  
15 can end all life and certainly our children, mine and  
16 yours, their grandchildren would have no thought, no  
17 possibility of dreaming of a future. I want that  
18 future. It's up to all of us.

19 Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you.

21 MR. GORMAN: Commissioners, my name is Russ  
22 Gorman. I am a 30-plus year resident of the Bay Area.  
23 I spent my whole life in the maritime industry,  
24 primarily in the offshore shipping part of it. I have  
25 also had the opportunity to read and be associated with



1 many of the concerns in our country today regarding the  
2 strength of the maritime industry.

3 There was a recent commission report,  
4 presidential commission, on merchant marine and  
5 defense, and one of the major concerns in there is the  
6 shipbuilding base of the United States. Here in the  
7 Bay Area we have seen our shipbuilding, ship repair  
8 base gradually eroded down to the point that it is at  
9 today.

10 I have heard many views stated this day on  
11 concerns that other people had in this area, but the  
12 way we become competitive is to have business.  
13 Business brings jobs. And the skilled labor we've got  
14 here needs ships such as the Missouri and her other  
15 ships coming in here to provide business. That will  
16 make our repair business more competitive, and that  
17 would help bring commercial business in.

18 I would strongly support on all of your parts  
19 the proposal that is now before you, and I ask that,  
20 for the good of San Francisco, that we also consider as  
21 Americans that our freedoms are not given to us without  
22 a certain amount of effort on our part. That part is  
23 to follow the laws of our country and our nation. And  
24 we do have strategic home porting that has been passed  
25 at the highest levels. This is but one small piece of



1 it.

2 Again, I would strongly support your proposal  
3 before you today. Thank you very much.

4 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Mary Frances Smith. Not  
5 here?

6 FROM THE FLOOR: I think she is outside. She  
7 has been waiting for hours.

8 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: I understand that. We can  
9 give her an opportunity when she gets back in.

10 Andrew Lichterman.

11 MR. LICHTERMAN: Andrew Lichterman. I am  
12 litigation director, Western States Legal Foundation.

13 First of all, I'd like to make a few  
14 objections to the form of this meeting this afternoon.  
15 Anyone who is outside there couldn't hear their name  
16 called here. They were just calling them out initially  
17 on the stairway.

18 Essentially the way this meeting was  
19 structured, you had a choice. You could hear what was  
20 going on or you could have a chance to speak, which is  
21 clearly illegitimate. But that is really pretty much  
22 in line with the entire way this proceeding has  
23 functioned since it was first initiated just a few  
24 short days ago.

25 The original proposal that was circulated in





1 the public notice was clearly unlawful. It was an  
2 attempt to take an action that would have very  
3 significant environmental effects without any  
4 environmental review whatsoever. And it might have  
5 slipped by if people had been watching closely.

6 Really, that is what I want to talk about this  
7 afternoon, because that has been the pattern with the  
8 environmental review of home porting by the City of San  
9 Francisco, an attempt to put the public to sleep, to  
10 give people the impression that home porting was a fait  
11 accompli, when there had been no environmental review,  
12 no completed environmental impact report, and as we all  
13 know, environmental impact reports, if they're going to  
14 be anything other than a farce, anything other than a  
15 post hoc rationalization of decisions already made, as  
16 innumerable cases say, have to happen before the  
17 significant decisions are made.

18 Now, your substitute resolution -- first of  
19 all, I'd like to make some objections just on the level  
20 of form in that it's a substantial change from the  
21 initial matter that was circulated in the public  
22 notice. And when you have a special meeting, the  
23 Government Code clearly requires that you can only act  
24 on the items that were originally noticed for the  
25 special meeting.



1           This is something quite different. As you  
2 say, I hope it's something quite different. It's just  
3 a feasibility study, and that wasn't what was  
4 circulated. The reason that they have these  
5 requirements is that a special meeting already cuts  
6 public notice short, does not give people time to make  
7 an informed study of the issues, and makes it very,  
8 very difficult to respond.

9           But there is another reason that it's  
10 important to look closely at the manner in which this  
11 item was changed, because we have seen exactly the same  
12 process before with the memorandum of understanding.  
13 They tried to slip the memorandum of understanding  
14 through the Board of Supervisors without any  
15 environmental review, without any environmental impact  
16 report. And they tried to clean that up, too, by  
17 simply adding boilerplate proclamations that this is  
18 merely a feasibility study.

19           Now, your motion today begins that the city  
20 has expressed its approval for home porting. If so,  
21 that is directly at variance with the legal position  
22 that they took in the Superior Court in San Francisco  
23 when they were opposing a writ whose purpose was to  
24 clarify what the MOU was.

25           Let me read you from the city's paper --



1 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: You have less than a  
2 minute.

3 MR. LICHTERMAN: I think it's important that  
4 we be able to make our record. If you're going to give  
5 us short time, if you're going to give us short notice,  
6 if you're going to try to push a matter of this  
7 importance through, you have to give us time --

8 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: The rules are laid down,  
9 and everybody else has abided by them. Three minutes.

10 FROM THE FLOOR: I give my time to the  
11 gentleman.

12 MR. LICHTERMAN: Let me quote. Neither the  
13 MOU nor Board Resolution No. 710-87, in which the Board  
14 of Supervisors approved the MOU in principle,  
15 constitutes an approval which commits the city to home  
16 porting of the USS Missouri. Rather, the MOU is a  
17 planning document which merely defines the scope of the  
18 various activities associated with the project to  
19 facilitate meaningful environmental review.

20 There has been no approval of home porting by  
21 the City of San Francisco. There cannot be lawfully  
22 until environmental review is complete. There is no  
23 environmental impact report. It is still with the  
24 planning department. The planning commission hasn't  
25 acted upon it. The Board of Supervisors has not





1 certified it.

2 Now, at the same time, we have statements from  
3 the mayor --

4 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: I am going to have to bring  
5 it to a close, sir. I am sorry. If you want to make a  
6 concluding statement --

7 MR. LICHTERMAN: Let me at this time then  
8 incorporate --

9 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: A concluding statement.  
10 Otherwise I am going to ask you to leave the podium.

11 MR. LICHTERMAN: I would like to just  
12 incorporate some matters for the record. I would like  
13 to incorporate at this time for the record the entire  
14 record of environmental review of home porting so far  
15 in the City of San Francisco, all exhibits, all written  
16 materials submitted by anyone who testified at the  
17 Planning Commission hearings on October 29th or  
18 submitted papers thereafter, the entire Environmental  
19 Impact Statement that is proposed as an Environmental  
20 Impact Report.

21 I really hope, as other speakers have said  
22 before me this afternoon, that rather than colluding  
23 with the process whose main purpose has been to deceive  
24 the public, to prevent the kind of environmental review  
25 the law requires, that you will find it in yourself to



1 do your duty under the law and reject this proposal.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you.

4 Before I call on the next speaker, let me  
5 re-read the resolution, because sometimes new people  
6 have come into the room. And it's true, the original  
7 resolution that was published was not the one that we  
8 are considering today. It's been modified.

9 Resolved, that the San Francisco Port  
10 Commission hereby directs staff first to explore with  
11 the United States Navy the use of Pier 30-32 for  
12 temporary berthing, and the next part, provided that  
13 all environmental review requirements are met. And  
14 third, all appropriate port fees and charges are paid  
15 by the United States Navy.

16 All right. The next speaker, I believe, is  
17 Sue Hestor.

18 MS. HESTOR: Along with Andy, I am one of the  
19 attorneys representing a lot of the groups that are  
20 here in opposition, and, in particular, San Franciscans  
21 for Reasonable Growth.

22 I have, first of all, Brown Act concerns. I  
23 would like to know on the record who called the  
24 meeting. I want to know who particularly called the  
25 meeting. Who called the meeting? Did the majority of



1 the commission call the meeting? Did the mayor call  
2 the meeting? Where is it in the record? If it's not  
3 in the record, please tell us, who called this meeting?  
4 That is germane to the Brown Act. Should be on the  
5 record. It legally has to be on the record.

6 Would someone tell me who called the meeting.

7 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Legal counsel, do we answer  
8 that in public, or are we going to go into executive  
9 session?

10 FROM THE FLOOR: Can't hear you.

11 MS. HESTOR: He asked for executive session.

12 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: The answer? Executive  
13 director.

14 MS. HESTOR: That is therefore an illegal  
15 meeting. Because the law does not allow an executive  
16 director or a mayor to convene a special meeting of  
17 this commission. This is an illegal and rump meeting  
18 as far as the law is concerned.

19 [Applause]

20 MS. HESTOR: No. 2, your agenda that was put  
21 out is clearly, as Mr. Lichterman pointed out, not the  
22 item before you. The Brown Act says you are stuck with  
23 your agenda. When you give an agenda, this notice, you  
24 cannot waver from it. You have changed the topics  
25 substantially. Because the City Attorney's office sat





1 down with you yesterday and you found out what you had  
2 on the agenda you couldn't do legally, so you changed  
3 the topic. You can't go forward with this. This is  
4 really ridiculous.

5 No. 3. What does the Navy want? Now, those  
6 of us who are peons out in the hallway, which is most  
7 of the public, don't know if the Navy has said  
8 anything. We haven't heard anything since we have come  
9 in that the Navy has said anything.

10 Are you doing this in conjunction with the  
11 Navy. Is this the Navy's idea, too? Because what I  
12 see is going on here is a slap in the face of Congress  
13 by the Navy. If they go along with this high-handed  
14 procedure, it's telling the House Appropriations  
15 Committee, the Senate Appropriations Committee to take  
16 a hike, that what they did is going to be violated by  
17 base commanders colluding with the Mayor of San  
18 Francisco.

19 Well, that is a pretty fair kettle of fish. I  
20 thought we had civilian control of the Navy. Whose  
21 decision is this on the Navy's end to get into this  
22 stupid process? I mean, I would like them to get up  
23 here and say on the record: Do they want this process?  
24 Or is this our mayor -- Has our mayor gone crazy in  
25 trying to force this through a port commission on the



1 Navy, too?

2 I mean, there is a whole lot of information  
3 that is not here in the record.

4 Technicalities. I am going give you some  
5 technicalities. This has to go to the Planning  
6 Commission. You can't do this. This requires master  
7 plan referral under Charter Sections 3.524, 3.527, and  
8 you are mandatorily -- you have to consult with the  
9 Planning Department before you can go forward on  
10 anything for Pier 30 and 32.

11 Why? Because it's part of the Master Plan.  
12 And I'm going to finish. You have to consult. You can  
13 give us the back of your hand by holding this rump  
14 session in a room that no one can get into, with no  
15 notice, with no description of what you're voting on,  
16 with getting here and getting for the first time the  
17 resolution. This is not what is supposed to be a  
18 public process.

19 I forgot to Xerox the introductory language to  
20 the Brown Act, but I know it kind of by heart. It's  
21 the public's business. It's conducted with the public  
22 scrutiny. And the introduction to CEQA is that it's  
23 the policy of the state that environmental  
24 considerations be given the highest possible  
25 consideration in everything that is done.



1           The Brown Act and CEQA are as pieces of papers  
2 to this commission at this time and to this  
3 administration with this course of conduct. You are  
4 saying California law doesn't make any difference, the  
5 San Francisco Charter doesn't make any difference, the  
6 public can go to hell.

7           Finally, I have given a letter -- well, I have  
8 two more points. The second to the last point is that  
9 I gave a letter to the Planning Department staff today  
10 challenging your Port Commission authority to have  
11 ministerial discretion over your leases, over your  
12 financing, over a consultation and all of that. I gave  
13 copies of some of the letters this morning, this  
14 afternoon, to your staff. Here are a couple more for  
15 any commissioner that will be hearing -- it's a  
16 mandatory hearing.

17           I am going after your discretion to abuse CEQA  
18 by forcing you to come defend yourself at the Planning  
19 Commission. They have to give a hearing. If that is  
20 the only way to get your attention, we will do silly  
21 little technicalities like this to force you into the  
22 public.

23           Finally, in the dying days of this  
24 administration, this is really an insult to the public.  
25 And I call on the commission to do your job. You're





1       representing us.  You're not representing Dianne  
2       Feinstein.  You're not representing the United States  
3       Navy.  You're representing the residents of San  
4       Francisco, and you have a responsibility of public  
5       trust to us.

6               If you can't fulfill your public trust and be  
7       honest and comply with the law and feel you're a  
8       political extension of the Mayor's Office, you  
9       ethically must resign.  Wait until January 8th and hand  
10      in your resignation because you're not doing a public  
11      duty.  You're not -- if you go forward with this kind  
12      of a ramrodded action with no public participation and  
13      with more guards out here keeping people in than have  
14      ever been allowed in, you're insulting the public and  
15      you're not doing your job.  So resign.  We don't need  
16      you as Port Commissioners.  Or you'll be recalled.

17             [Applause]

18             CHAIRMAN COLEMAN:  Regina Sneed.

19             MS. BOLER:  Haven't seen her.  May I speak for  
20      her?  She gave me a document.

21             CHAIRMAN COLEMAN:  And your name?

22             MS. BOLER:  Deetje Boler.  I want to -- and  
23      it's for San Francisco Tomorrow.

24             I would like to read a letter addressed to you  
25      and members of the Port Commission, copies of which, I



1 believe, at some point during the day were submitted by  
2 someone who was here and was able to stand at the door  
3 and receive materials.

4 In addition, by the way, I'd like to add that  
5 I also at that time submitted Alternative 6, No  
6 Project, which is the testimony given by 50  
7 participants in the Navy's initial hearings on home  
8 porting the Missouri that unanimously expressed  
9 opposition to the home porting. And that session was  
10 not included in the Environmental Impact Statement,  
11 although the concerns addressed by the public were the  
12 concerns that were supposed to be addressed in the  
13 Environmental Impact Statement. It was not included.  
14 And there is a copy therefore for you so you know what  
15 these concerns were that were expressed at the initial  
16 scoping session.

17 The letter from San Francisco Tomorrow board  
18 of directors reads: This letter protests the lack of  
19 legal notice for a special hearing before the Port  
20 Commission which we have heard will be held today. The  
21 hearing is to consider some action about temporary  
22 berthing of the USS Missouri in San Francisco at Piers  
23 30 and/or 32. Many San Francisco Tomorrow members are  
24 on the Port Commission notice list. None of us  
25 received this notice. The Port Commission must be



1 aware of our interest in the issue. We filed a suit to  
2 discover the effect of the Mayor's MOU with the Navy.  
3 The court ruled that the city had no binding document  
4 with the Navy and could not have such until a complete  
5 environmental review document was prepared and  
6 certified. This requirement for full environmental  
7 review under CEQA applies to the Port Commission as  
8 well. You can take no legal action in allowing such  
9 temporary berthing without violating CEQA. We hope  
10 that members of the Port Commission will not compound  
11 the poor judgment of whoever called for this hearing.  
12 You should adjourn the meeting and table any such item  
13 until an EIR document has been certified. As  
14 commissioners, you're sworn to follow the law. We  
15 expect no less from you.

16 Sincerely, Regina Sneed, San Francisco  
17 Tomorrow board of directors.

18 I would like to add one personal comment,  
19 which is that I don't understand how anyone in their  
20 right minds can consider placing cruise missiles in  
21 downtown San Francisco. It makes me either want to  
22 crawl into a hole and curl up in shame and despair or  
23 laugh.

24 At Hunters Point, the Navy owns that property.  
25 There is a big base around -- some kind of security





1 provisions different from what would have to take place  
2 if you put it right downtown here in San Francisco with  
3 the traffic going by right at the border. It is  
4 ludicrous. And I can't -- I am left speechless at the  
5 ridiculousness of the prospect.

6 [Applause]

7 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Michael Veilova.

8 MR. VEILOVA: My name is Michael Veilova. I  
9 am an attorney out in Concord. I live in Pleasant  
10 Hill.

11 My concern with this, among the other issues  
12 that are involved with the Missouri, has to do with  
13 East Bay impacts in particular. But first I'd like to  
14 make a comment.

15 When I was downstairs on the ground floor, I  
16 observed a line of hard hats. There was a line of  
17 police. And there was a debate going on between a  
18 pro-Missouri and anti-Missouri person. And the  
19 pro-Missouri person exclaimed: Well, if you don't like  
20 it, go back to the Soviet Union.

21 My internal response is: At least I don't  
22 have to. I can come before the Port Commission and see  
23 how it operates.

24 You know, when you have this type of meeting  
25 where you don't give notice to people who have been



1 involved in this issue for years, who are on every  
2 conceivable circulation list, and they either find out  
3 yesterday or this morning through the paper or not at  
4 all, that is ludicrous.

5 Each of you people must be living in a vacuum  
6 if you thought that only 20 people or less were going  
7 to go show up for this meeting. You have to insulate  
8 yourself from newspapers and television and every other  
9 form of media that is out there.

10 You knew that was the case, yet you proceed  
11 with this forum excluding members of the public, many  
12 of whom still don't know what the resolution is about.

13 Let's talk about the resolution for a minute.  
14 This is a classic example of bureaucratic  
15 incrementalism. The question being asked in the debate  
16 now is: Why should the Missouri come to San Francisco?  
17 The mayor knows perfectly well that if the Missouri is  
18 temporarily berthed in San Francisco, the issue is  
19 going to be two years from now: Well, why should it  
20 leave? And that is a much harder position to take, as  
21 you well know, than the former.

22 This commission must prepare and certify a  
23 brand new EIR before it can lease the piers to the  
24 Navy. The Navy for its part has to prepare a brand new  
25 EIS. That makes No. 4. They must be getting tired of



1 it by now. But nonetheless, none of the former  
2 Environmental Impact Reports have ever considered  
3 berthing at Piers 30 and 32.

4 Finally, this commission has to incorporate  
5 the entire administrative record that has gone on  
6 before, the three prior environmental reviews plus what  
7 is before the Planning Commission right now. I am  
8 formally requesting that this board make a ruling that  
9 that record be incorporated into your record before you  
10 can proceed with any decision whatsoever.

11 I hope you ask yourself a lot of hard  
12 questions about what the impacts of the Missouri are  
13 going to be before you proceed. The only way you can  
14 do it is, gentlemen and ladies, you'll have to take  
15 your time.

16 Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Jackie Cabasso.

18 FROM THE FLOOR: Excuse me. The sound to the  
19 outside appears to have been cut off.

20 FROM THE FLOOR: We want that back on.  
21 There's people outside.

22 FROM THE FLOOR: No, there's not.

23 FROM THE FLOOR: Oh, there aren't any people  
24 outside? I think I'll go look. There's some people  
25 right here.





1 MS. CABASSO: Before I start my formal  
2 presentation, I also would like to register my outrage  
3 at the short notice that was provided for this meeting,  
4 again, to people like myself who have been heavily  
5 involved in this issue for over three years. That is  
6 an insult.

7 I'd like to know what the rush is. I would  
8 also like to --

9 FROM THE FLOOR: There's plenty of people out  
10 there right now.

11 MS. CABASSO: -- register my complaint about  
12 the inadequate size of this room, and also another  
13 note, not a legal note, but it's very difficult to  
14 prepare a statement in response to a public notice and  
15 then have the nature of the action changed.

16 So, if my statement doesn't completely match  
17 the proposal that you're now considering, I wrote it  
18 this morning in response to the other proposal.

19 My name is Jackie Cabasso, and I'm the  
20 administrative director of the Western States Legal  
21 Foundation. For the past three years, we have been  
22 monitoring the environmental review processes  
23 associated with the home porting project on behalf of  
24 the Coalition for a Safe Bay, a network of over 40  
25 peace and environmental groups, and other organizations



1 as well, including Citizens for a Better Environment  
2 and the Sierra Club.

3 Western States has been instrumental in  
4 educating members of these groups and the public, many  
5 of whom are here today, about the legal requirements  
6 for environmental review mandated by the National  
7 Environmental Policy Act and the California  
8 Environmental Quality Act.

9 And I'd appreciate your attention while I am  
10 speaking. Part of my job has included acting as a  
11 liaison between our lawyers and other community  
12 activists, and, as a result, as a non-lawyer I have  
13 learned a great deal about environmental law and its  
14 application to the home porting proposal.

15 Over the course of the last two years, I have  
16 testified at public hearings concerning the Missouri  
17 home porting plan before the Navy, before the San  
18 Francisco Board of Supervisors and its committees, and  
19 before the San Francisco Planning Commission.

20 I have explained that as someone whose job has  
21 required attempting to understand the scope and  
22 implications of the home porting project to others, I  
23 have been challenged to try to comprehend an array of  
24 mind-boggling and ever-changing complexities and  
25 contradictions. And here is another one.



1 I have pointed out at these past hearings that  
2 by segmenting the 17-ship San Francisco Bay home  
3 porting project into smaller pieces, a practice which  
4 is clearly forbidden by both NEPA and CEQA, public  
5 awareness of the total impacts of the project has  
6 continuously been diminished.

7 I have complained about the tremendous  
8 difficulties we have encountered obtaining basic  
9 information from the Navy about its regional plan, its  
10 timetables for building and dredging, and the levels of  
11 toxic contaminatino near its proposed berthing and  
12 construction sites.

13 I have noted that it is only through our  
14 Freedom of Information Act requests where we have  
15 obtained internal Navy planning documents that the true  
16 scope of the home porting project, including  
17 construction at three East Bay facilities, and plans  
18 for transportation of cruise missiles and other  
19 munitions over heavily trafficked highways and sea  
20 lanes, through densely populated urban areas, has been  
21 revealed to the public for the first time.

22 I have testified that the Navy and the city's  
23 unwillingness to discuss the consequences of a nuclear  
24 weapons accident, even in hypothetical terms, despite  
25 undeniable evidence of the intention to deploy nuclear





1 tip Tomahawk sea-launch cruise missiles on the  
2 Missouri, clearly illustrates the Navy's and the city's  
3 blatant disregard for the public's right to know.

4 The Navy's and the Mayor of San Francisco's  
5 outrageous lobbying of public officials, coupled with  
6 their presentation of incomplete and contradictory  
7 information about the home porting project, have made  
8 it obvious to lawyers and non-lawyers alike that the  
9 Navy and the city have viewed legally required  
10 environmental review as nothing more than a procedural  
11 formality.

12 In light of this latest proposal, it seems  
13 that even procedural formality has been discarded. It  
14 is no longer possible to believe that the Navy and the  
15 City of San Francisco are acting in good faith. This  
16 new proposal to temporarily, at an unknown time in the  
17 future and for an undisclosed period of time, to berth  
18 the Missouri at Pier 30-32, an option that was never  
19 even mentioned in any environmental review documents,  
20 flies in the face of the National Environmental Policy  
21 Act and the California Environmental Quality Act.

22 I will conclude. Of all the unlawful  
23 Machiavellian maneuvers that have been manifested  
24 through the Mayor of San Francisco's desperate  
25 obsession to bring the Missouri to San Francisco, this



1 proposal is the most transparently political and the  
2 most blatantly manipulative. The emperor has no  
3 clothes.

4 In order to proceed, a new --

5 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: I am going to have to --

6 MS. CABASSO: This is my final statement. An  
7 Environmental Impact Statement --

8 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: I want to give everybody a  
9 chance to speak.

10 MS. CABASSO: I would like to make my  
11 concluding statement.

12 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: You have gone beyond three  
13 minutes.

14 MS. CABASSO: I was having difficulty with the  
15 microphone.

16 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Five seconds, please.

17 MS. CABASSO: Fine. In order to proceed, a  
18 new Environmental Impact Statement and a new  
19 Environmental Impact Report with full public review  
20 must be prepared pursuant to the legal requirements of  
21 both the National Environmental Policy Act and the  
22 California Environmental Quality Act.

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. Bob McCarthy.

25 FROM THE FLOOR: There's 50 people out there



1 waiting.

2 FROM THE FLOOR: Excuse me. I was actually  
3 signed up about two hours ago.

4 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Those who have spoken, we  
5 would like you to leave so others can come in. We are  
6 under the restrictions of the fire marshal. The fire  
7 marshal has limited --

8 FROM THE FLOOR: Why don't we move now to a  
9 bigger room.

10 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: There are no larger rooms.

11 FROM THE FLOOR: Can we see whether we are on  
12 this list that you have now?

13 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: These are the names that I  
14 have left: Deetje Boler, Paul Burt, Gary Sargent,  
15 Phyllis Olan, Susan Smith, Pebbles Trippett, Terence  
16 Hallinan, Louise Buss, James Prigoff, Steve Bloom,  
17 Barbara George, Sol Bloom, Seth Zuckerman, Ninah  
18 Eloesser, Pamela Osgood, Erik Ferry, Robin Krop,  
19 Jefferey Myers, Pete Liederman, Ward Young.

20 FROM THE FLOOR: Excuse me. I signed up on  
21 the list well before.

22 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: What is your name, sir?

23 MR. EISEMAN: Andrew Eiseman. I was on the  
24 top right-hand side of a page that was out there, and  
25 there was a green paper like that, exactly. My name





1 was called there, and then I signed up when I came in.

2 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: You're next.

3 FROM THE FLOOR: I also signed up on the paper  
4 out here.

5 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: What is your name?

6 MS. NORMAN: Pat Norman. Right when I came  
7 in.

8 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: We will take these three,  
9 since you have been here.

10 FROM THE FLOOR: I signed a list out here.

11 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: How long ago?

12 FROM THE FLOOR: I lost track of the time.

13 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: We have these three, then I  
14 will get back to my list.

15 MR. EISEMAN: Actually, I was about to begin  
16 by thanking the commission for being so patient,  
17 because I am sure there are going to be lot more  
18 speakers even after me, and also to express concern  
19 that Eugene Gartland was absent for such a long period  
20 of time during this commission hearing, and I hope he  
21 does read the transcripts.

22 I am also concerned that nowhere in the record  
23 have I seen any reference to a three-year study  
24 commissioned by the Navy called the West Tech study.  
25 There was a three-year study conducted, I believe,



1 about two years ago on the Hunters Point area to  
2 determine the level of toxic substances both on the  
3 land and in the bay.

4 That study concluded in Chapter 2 -- and that  
5 is available, by the way, only through the Freedom of  
6 Information Act request. That study concluded in  
7 Chapter 2 that Hunters Point is such a toxic waste site  
8 both on land and in the sea, it recommended the land  
9 never be touched. This is a study commissioned by the  
10 Navy. And nowhere has anyone said: How can a  
11 three-year study be answered by a six-month EIS  
12 process? These were people who have Ph.D.'s in  
13 sediment processes, in dredging, and all this stuff.

14 I suggest if the commission does move on  
15 studying this matter, it get a copy from the Navy on  
16 the West Tech study.

17 Also, I'd like to include something which has  
18 been excluded illegally and is now being investigated  
19 by the Navy, and that is my statement that was made  
20 during the DEIS process, and that is that there are  
21 great concerns that we should be having for our  
22 children. The concerns are, and have been outlined in  
23 Assembly Bill 3848, that children have a great fear of  
24 nuclear war and that this fear is actually making them  
25 incapable of learning.



1           That fear, according to this bill, states that  
2   if left unchecked, this lack of motivation and feelings  
3   of helplessness could prove to be as devastating to the  
4   American society as war itself. I hope people consider  
5   that.

6           I have a copy of several studies in here,  
7   along with documentation about a fire on the USS Iowa,  
8   the Missouri's sister ship, which happened February  
9   12th of 1986. That shows that in fact there are  
10   accidents on these battleships. The Iowa is in fact an  
11   exact copy of the USS Missouri.

12           I'd also like to include in the record that a  
13   nuclear aircraft carrier, USS Enterprise, had a 60-foot  
14   gash ripped in its hull during -- a navigational error  
15   in a well-charted area where they had been before.  
16   This boat is home ported out here. There's no reason  
17   to believe -- it's run aground twice in our own bay  
18   already, and there's no reason to believe there won't  
19   be other navigational errors, and that in fact the  
20   collision between that and the Missouri would be  
21   devastating to the entire Bay Area, if not California  
22   at large.

23           I'd also like to include the fact that we have  
24   some experts in the Bay Area to research the comments I  
25   have made about the effects on adolescents. We have a





1 professor over at the University of California,  
2 Berkeley, who is head of the development and clinical  
3 aspects of nuclear threat. There's a committee of the  
4 American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.  
5 These people are concerned that there is a serious  
6 problem. If you put the Missouri out here, and  
7 everyone knows it has nuclear cruise missiles on it,  
8 it's going to scare the shit out of people.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Yes?

11 FROM THE FLOOR: Could I get my name added to  
12 the list?

13 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Secretary, would you see  
14 that he gets on this list. Did you say you wished to  
15 speak and had not had an opportunity? And then the  
16 young lady in the back there.

17 MS. NORMAN: Good afternoon, commissioners.  
18 My name is Pat Norman. I am co-chair of Mobilization  
19 for Peace, Jobs and Justice, as well as being national  
20 co-chair for the march on Washington for lesbian, gay  
21 rights.

22 I am a Navy veteran, a mother and a  
23 grandmother. I am very, very concerned about what is  
24 happening in the city and the manipulation that has  
25 gone on with this particular issue because of numbers



1 of reasons.

2 One. November the 3rd, it was very clear that  
3 there was supposed to be a nuclear freeze in this city.  
4 Our coalition is shocked at this time because it feels  
5 very much like a betrayal of the spirit of the people  
6 of this city.

7 In light of the environmental report that is  
8 in fact non-existent, what we are saying is that  
9 basically, with or without that environmental report,  
10 we are not at all certain that we want the USS Missouri  
11 here, and what we would like very much to do is to  
12 protect some of the jobs and some of the programs that  
13 in fact would support a peacetime environment in our  
14 city.

15 We want the fishing industry protected as well  
16 as all of the other kinds of peacetime shipbuilding and  
17 repair that might be able to go on here.

18 We are very concerned about our minority  
19 youth. In fact, the only alternative that they might  
20 have is to go into the military instead of being able  
21 to be supported here at home with jobs and program  
22 development that would allow them to expand and grow.

23 We also feel very strongly that with the new  
24 administration coming in less than five weeks, it would  
25 certainly make more sense for us to be able to go with



1 a new kind of vision for this city and a new kind of  
2 look at what is possible so that we can approach this  
3 problem in a very different way.

4 I also feel very strongly that this commission  
5 has not taken into consideration the discriminatory  
6 aspect towards 25 percent of the population in this  
7 city, that is lesbian and gay, and needs to again refer  
8 to the documentation that has been already subjected to  
9 you and has said clearly that it's not acceptable that  
10 you continue in the way you have gone in supporting the  
11 USS Missouri and the kind of homophobic, in some ways  
12 racist, and also sexist kinds of interference that we  
13 might see.

14 With that, I will close and say we hope that  
15 you will hear our message very clearly, that, one, we  
16 feel manipulated by this and that this is an illegal  
17 process that we are participating in and want no more  
18 of it. It is not useful for the citizens of this city.

19 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you.

20 Then we are going to take a five-minute break  
21 after this. She says she has been here from the  
22 beginning. Five minutes.

23 MS. ISHIBASHI: My name is Jean Ishibashi. I  
24 work with the American Friends Service Committee. I  
25 have had the opportunity with youth in the Hunters





1 Point area and the Mission District and in the Western  
2 Addition, or what's known to some people as the  
3 Fillmore area, to work with the youth and find out  
4 really the desperate situation that our youth are in  
5 today.

6 People are resorting to crack to sell on the  
7 streets or ending up in our prisons to just survive.  
8 And our youth interview each other, and they have come  
9 to the conclusion that the crack fix or the drug fix is  
10 really like a nuclear fix. Because they also  
11 interviewed atomic veterans who served on ships like  
12 the Missouri during World War II, during cleanup  
13 operations in Japan and other places that our Navy has  
14 experimented with people as guinea pigs with nuclear  
15 radiation.

16 Our youth have a rap that goes, you know, a  
17 drug fix is like a nuclear fix. What we have found is  
18 that even the peace activists aren't really serious  
19 about jobs. And if this issue is a job issue for the  
20 mayor, for the Navy, or who have you, I don't know.  
21 The fact is that we have a lot of alternatives that I  
22 don't see anyone supporting.

23 There is a bill in Congress now, HR 1398,  
24 Quality of Life bill, that would actually convert  
25 military money, Navy jobs into peacetime civilian jobs.



1 It requires a minimum of one percent of our military  
2 budget, which is three billion dollars, which would  
3 create the hugest job program in the entire history of  
4 the United States.

5 If we are serious about jobs, why don't we  
6 support the Quality of Life bill? I don't see the  
7 mayor, I don't see the Navy, I don't see Pete Wilson's  
8 office who say they're serious about jobs, really  
9 caring about the jobless and the hungry, about real  
10 peacetime work.

11 We can be anti a lot of stuff, but I don't see  
12 this from a lot of folks in this room. I don't know  
13 about your records as far as voting for life and jobs.  
14 And that is what I'd like to get a commitment from,  
15 because this Missouri isn't going to do it. You know,  
16 it really isn't.

17 I mean, our boys and our women are out there,  
18 probably going to be bombed by some U.S.-made mines  
19 that we sold to Iraq or Iran. It's ridiculous.

20 So, I am just here sharing what I have learned  
21 from the youth I work with. I really admonish and I  
22 really request that if you're serious about jobs --  
23 because we are -- and life, that you look into the  
24 Black Caucus budget that has been the peacetime budget,  
25 but because of our racism and discriminatory policies



1 in this country, we have not supported, and we now call  
2 it the Quality of Life bill, hoping that those who are  
3 serious about a peacetime economy and jobs support what  
4 really create jobs, and not the USS Missouri.

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. We are going to  
7 take a five-minute break.

8 [Brief recess]

9 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: We will reconvene, please.  
10 We have about 15 more speakers. I am going to ask them  
11 to strictly adhere to the time schedule. But before  
12 doing so, in the absence of Mr. Gartland, a question  
13 was raised about who called the meeting. I think Mr.  
14 Gartland ought to respond in terms of how this meeting  
15 came about.

16 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: No. 1, Dr. Coleman, I did  
17 not call the meeting. I was not even in the office  
18 this week, except for a very short period of time on  
19 Monday night, and after 5:00 or 6:00 o'clock other  
20 nights.

21 As I understand it, you called the meeting,  
22 authorized the staff to set a special port meeting. I  
23 think the first that I heard about it was late last  
24 week.

25 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: The meeting itself, the





1 first item, when did that come about and how did that  
2 come about?

3 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: I didn't call that one  
4 either. I assume that, Dr. Coleman, you're the person  
5 that authorizes the staff, contacts you, asks if we can  
6 have it, you authorize it, we go ahead. Staff does not  
7 set special meetings.

8 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. The next person  
9 to speak is Pebbles Trippett. I am sorry. Before her  
10 is a person who has been waiting, and I sort of  
11 overlooked her name, and I am trying to find it now.  
12 Why don't you identify yourself and come on up and  
13 speak.

14 A SPEAKER: Dr. Coleman and members of the  
15 commission. I am happy to have this opportunity  
16 finally. I just want to say that the testimony of  
17 almost the majority of the people here proves that the  
18 procedure of this hearing has been, to say the least,  
19 very undemocratic. But I am happy to be here finally  
20 to speak.

21 I want to say that I am very proud of our  
22 city. This has always been a city of great progress.  
23 San Francisco, first of all, is a union town, and it's  
24 been hard fought to be that union town. My husband is  
25 a member of the ILWU, and very proud of it.



1           But I want to ask you, do you think that home  
2     porting the Missouri here and the said jobs that have  
3     been promised here will maintain the quality of life  
4     that we have in San Francisco and have been used to?  
5     Do you think this will remain a union city, union labor  
6     town?

7           I understand that the Navy has to hire  
8     civilian workers, the lowest paid contractors,  
9     nonunion. Do you think that the young people, the  
10    unemployed young people in Hunters Point, the minority  
11    young people and white young people who are just  
12    graduating from high schools, do you think they're  
13    going to get jobs?

14          The union person from the boilermakers was  
15    talking about skilled workers. These young people who  
16    are looking for jobs are unskilled. Is it really  
17    reasonable to believe that bringing the Missouri here  
18    is going to solve the unemployment problem? I think  
19    that is a hoax. I feel sorry for those young people  
20    who feel that they have a great future in this.

21          But I want to bring up one more point, and  
22    that is also because San Francisco has always been a  
23    progressive city. That is why I like to live here.

24          Right now in Washington and the world, there  
25    are talks going on by our great leaders, our president



1 and the president of the Soviet Union, about meeting at  
2 a summit to cut --

3 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: You have only about 30  
4 seconds.

5 A SPEAKER: -- nuclear missiles.

6 Now, bringing the home port here is just the  
7 opposite of disarmament. It is bringing militarism  
8 into our city, nuclear weapons into our bay.

9 Where will the Missouri go? It's not just  
10 going to be here for tourists to visit. It will be in  
11 use. It's in the Persian Gulf now. It's not there as  
12 a decoration. It will go to Nicaragua, El Salvador  
13 with nuclear weapons.

14 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Your time is up.

15 A SPEAKER: I just want our dear people in  
16 this commission to take that into consideration. Turn  
17 down Mayor Feinstein's proposal.

18 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you.

19 Ms. Trippett.

20 MS. TRIPPETT: Pebbles Trippett working with  
21 the nuclear free zone campaign, Proposition U.

22 San Francisco has just voted to become a  
23 nuclear free zone. This is a poster left over from the  
24 campaign. On November 3rd, 55 to 45 percent majority  
25 of the city's voters passed Proposition U. That is





1 almost 90,000 voters declaring San Francisco a nuclear  
2 free zone.

3 In essence, it says that nuclear weapons and  
4 hazards and waste are not welcome here, and that the  
5 public funding for nuclear weapons installations is  
6 prohibited.

7 In case people haven't read the text, I would  
8 like to read a key section of it. The summary is: The  
9 city policy declares San Francisco a nuclear free zone  
10 in which nuclear weapons and hazards are unwelcome. It  
11 declares the people's right to vote on any proposed use  
12 of city funds to support nuclear weapons. It instructs  
13 the supervisors to pass ordinances to support or  
14 encourage economic conversion to jobs with peace and  
15 international arms race treaties and the right to know  
16 about irradiated foods and to prevent, discourage, or  
17 protest nuclear and radioactive threats to the public  
18 health and safety.

19 We, the people of San Francisco, declare the  
20 following policy as provided for under Section 9.108 in  
21 the city charter. A, for a nuclear free zone.

22 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: You are going to be limited  
23 to three minutes. You may have a more formal statement  
24 to make, because we can all read that.

25 MS. TRIPPETT: Well, some may not be aware of



1 it. At least some are acting as though they're not  
2 aware of it. I mean, even if the Mayor and the Navy  
3 think that they can ignore the will of the people in  
4 home porting the Battleship Missouri, the supervisors  
5 cannot because of Section 9.108 in the charter, which  
6 says that it's the duty of the supervisors to implement  
7 declarations of policy by passing ordinances.

8 The Mayor and the Navy cannot circumvent local  
9 law on that. You and she should not try to circumvent  
10 local sentiment on the idea of having nuclear weapons  
11 in our midst.

12 So, I feel that the Mayor should give up on  
13 trying to resuscitate a dead battleship as part of her  
14 last gasp, and I think that the Navy should go  
15 somewhere else. Perhaps there will be a nuclear free  
16 zone initiative somewhere else where the Navy might  
17 choose to go. I would hope so.

18 But in the meantime, the will of the people  
19 has been heard. The voice of 90,000 voters has been  
20 heard.

21 I wonder, are you listening? And when the  
22 people leave, the leaders will follow.

23 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. Terence  
24 Hallinan. Is he still here?

25 Louise Buss.



1 MS. BUSS: Thank you. My name is Louise Buss,  
2 and as your good neighbor from the City of Alameda, I  
3 would like to raise some questions today for your  
4 consideration.

5 By hurriedly using Piers 30 and 32, have the  
6 problems of the environmental questions, particularly  
7 as related to the East Bay, been solved? Where will  
8 the ten support ships be based? What are the risks of  
9 loading and unloading nuclear weapons in Alameda? What  
10 are the dangers of transporting nuclear weapons from  
11 Concord to Alameda by truck, barge or helicopter? All  
12 of this, incidentally, without any evasion plan for the  
13 City of Alameda in the event of a nuclear or chemical  
14 explosion.

15 Alameda has been cited as one of the most  
16 toxic military bases in the country. How will the  
17 Naval Air Station in Alameda deal effectively with a  
18 further burden of 80,000 gallons of toxic waste each  
19 year? It has not been dealt with yet at either Alameda  
20 or Hunters Point.

21 With 600 new housing units to be built at the  
22 Naval Air Station, Alameda, how will this affect the  
23 traffic problems on our island? What about increased  
24 attendance at our public schools and the drain on  
25 social services required by the low-income dependents





1 of the Navy who now are the major recipients at our  
2 local food bank?

3           These and other questions related to the  
4 entire Bay Area, not just San Francisco, need to be  
5 adequately addressed, and that will take time. Please  
6 do not be held hostage by the ambitious political plans  
7 of your current mayor at the expense of your city and  
8 your neighbors in the East Bay.

9           Today the issue is the Missouri, but I ask you  
10 to address the deeper issues of public accountability  
11 and choice. The Navy has not been accountable by  
12 concealing the asbestos at Hunters Point. It has not  
13 been accountable because it failed to supply  
14 environmental impact statements for the planned  
15 construction at Oakland and Alameda.

16           For the Navy to say we are acting out of  
17 national security concerns and can neither conform nor  
18 deny does not constitute public accountability. What  
19 happened at Concord is but another example.

20           We have a choice. Do we continue the  
21 unparalleled military buildup of this beautiful Bay  
22 Area until we are totally dependent economically upon  
23 the defense department? Or do we begin to address the  
24 real questions of providing real jobs, shelter, health  
25 care and personal dignity to those in our area whose



1 quality of life has suffered immeasurably since the  
2 Reagan administration's two trillion dollar peacetime  
3 defense buildup began.

4 Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: John Williams.

6 MR. WILLIAMS: This is my first experience of  
7 trying to participate in a democratic process in San  
8 Francisco, and I must say that it's not been a  
9 pleasure. I have been here since 2:00 o'clock. I took  
10 the day off from work to participate and had to cool my  
11 heels out in the hall or go down and listen to the  
12 speakers, which meant I couldn't be up here to get in.  
13 You sort of got your choice between the two.

14 Evidently there is good reason to think that  
15 this meeting is illegal. It's not clear who called it  
16 and what all the legalities are concerned.

17 I noticed that Quentin Kopp was eager to  
18 mention first off the bat -- rank has its privileges --  
19 that this was not an end run. I am sure the reason he  
20 was so eager to point out that it was not an end run is  
21 precisely because it obviously is an end run. I mean,  
22 the Mayor lost the vote in the Congress, so now she has  
23 come up with this brilliant idea.

24 By the way, I don't want you to assume I am  
25 anti-Navy. There are a lot of people who oppose the



1 idea of so-called home porting of the Missouri who are  
2 not anti-Navy. I just happen to be pro-San Francisco.

3 I think the Navy serves a necessary purpose,  
4 and in an ideal world, we wouldn't have to have the  
5 military.

6 By the way, I don't know exactly why it's  
7 referred to as home porting. I mean, the USS Missouri  
8 has a home, and that home is in Long Beach. You don't  
9 have to have a Ph.D. in economics or mathematics to  
10 figure out that either the financial jobs benefits of  
11 putting the Missouri here are grossly exaggerated or  
12 else we are simply moving jobs from Long Beach up to  
13 San Francisco.

14 So, either you are subtracting somewhere else  
15 to add here or, if that is not the case, then you're  
16 spending more money, which sounds to me like a waste of  
17 taxpayers' money. We are trying to reduce the deficit  
18 by \$23 billion by this coming Friday. It's a little  
19 bit absurd.

20 So, what I am really most offended by is this  
21 sort of last-minute attempt -- is that a signal that I  
22 have one minute? Thank you. This last minute attempt  
23 to get something that couldn't be got by a legal and  
24 fair process. It's just appalling. I don't think it's  
25 in the Port Commission's interests to allow themselves





1 to be the tool to this sort of anti-democratic, sleazy,  
2 last-minute attempt on the part of the Mayor. She is  
3 on her way out, and the administration that you are  
4 presumably going to be working with in the future is  
5 that of Art Agnos. We won't count our chickens before  
6 they hatch, but it does look that way, and he's on  
7 record as being opposed to moving -- let's not call it  
8 home porting -- but relocating the USS Missouri to San  
9 Francisco.

10 So, it seems to me that it really is not in  
11 your interest to rubber stamp this sort of sleazy,  
12 last-minute maneuver. I think this is a good example  
13 of what ought to be called demockeracy. And for the  
14 benefit of the press, I will spell that. That is  
15 d-e-m-o-c-k-e-r-a-c-y. And I think that is what we  
16 have here, is an example of demockeracy.

17 Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: James Prigoff. Steve  
19 Bloom.

20 MR. BLOOM: My name is Steve Bloom. I am a  
21 resident of Oakland, and I am involved in the Oakland  
22 nuclear free zone campaign which is presently  
23 circulating to be on the June ballot. I am also  
24 associated with Nuclear Free Northern California, which  
25 is a a coalition of nuclear free zone groups throughout



1 the northern part of the state, including Oakland, San  
2 Francisco, Marin County, Berkeley, Palo Alto, Sonoma  
3 County, and a number of others.

4 It's a little difficult, since I had to spend  
5 part of my time out here in the hallway and part of my  
6 time outside to hear some of the things discussed in  
7 here, so perhaps I will be a little redundant, but that  
8 can't be helped.

9 As you know, Proposition U passed two weeks  
10 ago and contains specific language stating as city  
11 policy opposition to the presence of nuclear weapons or  
12 industry in San Francisco and, more specifically,  
13 demanding a public vote prior to the expenditure of any  
14 city funds for facilities such as those proposed for  
15 the Missouri.

16 It was said earlier at this hearing,  
17 particularly by Senator Kopp, who I was able to hear  
18 from outside, that it is San Francisco city policy that  
19 the Missouri should come here.

20 That is absolutely incorrect. It may be the  
21 policy of the present Mayor. It may be the policy of a  
22 majority of the present Board of Supervisors, and  
23 probably in fact of the present Port Commission. Let  
24 me put an emphasis on the word "present" here.

25 That policy -- that is really the policy here



1 as expressed in Prop U -- is one of opposition to the  
2 Missouri, and that was firmly expressed by the voters  
3 in making San Francisco a nuclear free zone.

4 I would like to refer here to the constitution  
5 of the State of California which states clearly the  
6 fundamental right of the people of the state -- and of  
7 the city, by extension -- to establish their own policy  
8 through the initiative process when elected officials  
9 take action inconsistent with the sentiments of the  
10 people.

11 This has been done. There is no question at  
12 this point about what the actual city policy in  
13 reference to the Missouri is now.

14 Thus, the statement in the very first sentence  
15 of the resolution being considered today is utterly  
16 false. It is not the policy of the city that the  
17 Missouri should come here. Any resolution based upon  
18 such an assertion should thus be properly considered  
19 null and void.

20 Right now the nuclear free zone movement is in  
21 the process of ringing the bay with nuclear free zones.  
22 In June, as I mentioned, there will be an initiative on  
23 the Oakland ballot to make it nuclear free. There will  
24 also be a binding initiative ordinance on the San  
25 Francisco ballot in January in the way of implementing





1 the principles stated in Proposition U. Among these  
2 will be an absolute ban on not just funding for, but  
3 the very presence of the Missouri, its escorts and  
4 their attendant nuclear weapons.

5 One other point here. People may have heard  
6 about New Zealand recently. It was the first country  
7 to become a binding nuclear free zone. Right now, the  
8 U.S. is, as a result of that, implementing political  
9 and economic sanctions against New Zealand for its  
10 refusal --

11 ACTING CHAIRMAN RUDDEN: Your time is running  
12 now.

13 MR. BLOOM: Okay. For its refusal to allow  
14 nuclear weapons into its waters.

15 Now, we can do the same thing here in San  
16 Francisco. Let's do more than just ban the stuff in  
17 June. Let's require the Port to obtain written  
18 assurances from the Navy that nuclear-capable ships  
19 have no nuclear weapons on board before they are  
20 allowed to come here.

21 That was my point. Thank you.

22 ACTING CHAIRMAN RUDDEN: Barbara George.

23 FROM THE FLOOR: She is not in the room at the  
24 moment.

25 ACTING CHAIRMAN RUDDEN: Sol Bloom.



1 FROM THE FLOOR: Sol Bloom is not in the room.

2 ACTING CHAIRMAN RUDDEN: Seth Zuckerman.

3 MR. ZUCKERMAN: Members of the commission,  
4 good evening. My name is Seth Zuckerman. I have been  
5 a resident of the Bay Area since 1978. I would like to  
6 start by saying that this should have been held in a  
7 bigger room, but I suppose we already know that.

8 I understand that when the commission was  
9 considering fishing from the piers of the port that you  
10 moved the hearing to the Board of Supervisors chambers.  
11 I think in the future if you do continue to consider  
12 this issue that that might be a good idea.

13 I waited about an hour and a half to get in,  
14 another half hour to speak. I took the afternoon off  
15 from work as an energy consultant to come here and  
16 share with you some of my feelings about this proposal.

17 The outrage that people here have expressed  
18 about the environmental problems and the nuclear  
19 problems, the traffic and housing problems concerned I  
20 have shared throughout this whole process that the  
21 Missouri has been considered for home porting in San  
22 Francisco. But I have never before been moved to come  
23 to a hearing about it. What finally got me out here  
24 was the fact that I read in the newspaper that this was  
25 going to be an attempt to sneak this in through the



1 back door before Mayor Feinstein left office.

2 It seemed to me that after people had been  
3 spending all this time considering whether or not the  
4 Missouri should come here that it was not really a fair  
5 thing to do and was doing a disservice to the people  
6 who spent all this time considering it and coming to  
7 the hearings and preparing Environmental Impact Reports  
8 and so on.

9 Aside from being an insult to me as a  
10 concerned citizen, I think it ought to have been an  
11 insult to you as a commission. I think that you ought  
12 to be aware that this is an attempt to use you as a  
13 political football, as a political rubber stamp, to get  
14 something done that could not have been done through  
15 ordinary channels. I suppose that through the  
16 rewriting of the resolution, you folks have  
17 acknowledged that in fact that is not the object that  
18 can be served here.

19 To rush something through like this is not --

20 ACTING CHAIRMAN RUDDEN: One minute.

21 MR. ZUCKERMAN: Let me just respond briefly  
22 first to the statements by the fellow from the  
23 shipbuilding industry and ask whether all the millions  
24 of dollars in blandishments that have been suggested by  
25 Mayor Feinstein as a way of bringing the Missouri here





1 might in fact be useful in reviving the shipbuilding  
2 industry in San Francisco, and there might be other  
3 ways more effective than bringing the Missouri here to  
4 do that.

5 The final question I'd like to put to Dr.  
6 Coleman is: Earlier when the gentleman -- I believe it  
7 was Sue Hester asked who called this meeting, and you  
8 said it was the executive director. And we have just  
9 heard, I believe, that it was not the executive  
10 director who called it.

11 I was wondering if you could explain on the  
12 record, please, what the motivation was.

13 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: I never responded. I am  
14 not responding to anything. The only remarks I made  
15 were made for clarification, and that is why I waited  
16 for Mr. Gartland to come back, so he could answer that.

17 MR. ZUCKERMAN: Did anyone else hear that it  
18 was the executive director?

19 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: It was Mr. Stone who made  
20 the statement.

21 MR. STONE: It was me.

22 MR. ZUCKERMAN: Thank you very much.

23 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. Ninah Eloesser.

24 MS. ELOESSER: My name is Ninah Eloesser. I  
25 am speaking here as an individual.



1 I very much want to support practically all  
2 the people who have been ahead of me and who are  
3 opposing the home porting or the relocation of the  
4 Missouri.

5 There are several major reasons. I think most  
6 of them have been stated. But in quick review, the  
7 environment stands out above all the others. We must  
8 have more than adequate environmental impact reviews.

9 The environmental impact I think would be  
10 extremely serious if for no other reason because of the  
11 toxics. Simply sailing the Missouri into the bay  
12 without touching anything else, she has probably been  
13 painted with one of the substances known as TBT,  
14 tributyl toluene tin, which is put into the paint, so  
15 poisonous that one part per billion pollutes the water  
16 around it. So, we don't even want her around here  
17 polluting the water around us.

18 Environment I believe to be the most  
19 important. Why do other people want her here? Jobs.  
20 Everybody is crying jobs. It's going to make jobs.  
21 Actually, it will not make very many jobs. There will  
22 be a lot of jobs wiped out because places where people  
23 have small businesses will be taken over, and those  
24 people will become unemployed, adding to the  
25 unemployment. The jobs are for skilled. The people



1 who need them are unskilled. So it will not make a lot  
2 of jobs.

3 The meeting was appalling. The procedures for  
4 the meeting were appallingly handled. I think you all  
5 heard a lot about that this afternoon. I quite agree.  
6 The meeting is probably illegal. Let us not try to  
7 sneak the Missouri through the back door. That was  
8 another thing that was in the paper yesterday.

9 N-I-M-B-Y, not in my backyard. Well, I don't want it  
10 in my backyard even if my backyard is in the water.  
11 Let us not have the Missouri here.

12 Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: All right. Pamela Osgood.

14 MS. OSGOOD: I appreciate that you all are  
15 staying here. I was, however, here before you were,  
16 and I was told at all the entrances that I was not  
17 allowed to come in. I asked, is there a waiting list?  
18 And all of the guards, I guess they're the Pinkerton,  
19 said: No, there is not a waiting list, and you can't  
20 get in. Only 50 people can get in.

21 So I was here before you were this afternoon,  
22 and I finally figured out that there was some way to  
23 get by one of those guards, and that is why I am  
24 standing before you. The guard was talking to someone  
25 else, telling him he couldn't get in at that time.





1 [Laughter]

2 MS. OSGOOD: Anyway, perhaps the people in  
3 this room are not aware that recently the House of  
4 Representatives voted against the home porting, the  
5 whole home porting thing.

6 Anyway, I guess I am more sad than anything  
7 else because it's so clear -- you people, since you are  
8 the Port Commission, must be very aware of what has  
9 been happening in San Francisco around the issue of the  
10 Missouri, and that only, what, 20, 24, 25 percent of  
11 the people voted for Molinari whose big stand was to  
12 bring the Missouri here.

13 You know that people have had to wait, I hope  
14 you know, for hours. In fact, I have gone to all of  
15 the meetings. I have never been allowed to speak  
16 before. As other people here, I took off today, but I  
17 wasn't paid. I did ask, and I have asked at all  
18 meetings, the people who were wearing the hard hats,  
19 and I am certainly not against the working class. I  
20 myself come from a working class family -- were all  
21 paid to be here.

22 Of course, you have also noticed that the  
23 people who stayed after 4:30 when they perhaps weren't  
24 getting paid any more are no longer here, because  
25 you're not hearing anybody for the Missouri. And that



1 has in the previous instances when I have waited till  
2 6:00 o'clock or later to speak, that has also been  
3 true, that they have all left at 4:30 because they  
4 weren't being paid anymore to be at these hearings or  
5 any of the hearings that have been held on this  
6 subject.

7           Anyway, it makes me really sad because I think  
8 that you people feel that you're trying to do good and  
9 that you love San Francisco, too, and probably -- do  
10 you all live in San Francisco? I live here. Do you  
11 all live here.

12           COMMISSIONER HALSTED: We have to.

13           MS. OSGOOD: You have to by law. Then you,  
14 too, must love this city.

15           I am an Army brat, and I am sure you all know  
16 what that means. I was raised in the military. My  
17 father fought in World War II and the Korean war. It  
18 was very difficult, it's very difficult for me to -- my  
19 father died not speaking to me because of my stand for  
20 peace and disarmament, and it's very painful for me to  
21 have to stand against what the military is standing  
22 for, but I see it as, you know -- my friends in the  
23 military were raped by soldiers, and I know what,  
24 unfortunately, bringing more military into a city  
25 means. Maybe it will help the prostitution business



1 and the drug business. I don't think that all young  
2 men in the Navy are by any means going to participate  
3 in that, but there is such a pressure and such a group  
4 support for that kind of behavior, and it's very, very  
5 sad.

6 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: You have about 30 seconds.

7 MS. OSGOOD: Unfortunately, we wouldn't all  
8 have to repeat each other if perhaps you had rented a  
9 larger room, if there is not a larger one in this  
10 building for us. And I am sorry to have to repeat.

11 Isn't it part of the job of the Port  
12 Commission -- I mean, couldn't you bring honorable work  
13 here? Couldn't you do something like try to bring  
14 small or even larger shipbuilding industry here? Isn't  
15 it something that would be in your power to do, like  
16 civilian ships, sailboats or whatever, like that, that  
17 would bring jobs? It seems to me it would be something  
18 you could do as a Port Commission.

19 Thank you very much. I don't feel very much.  
20 Being raised in the military, you are always taught,  
21 you know, we are the democracy and we stand for  
22 democracy in the world and the other guys are the  
23 enemy, they don't. It's pretty disillusioning because  
24 I don't have any kind of feeling that democracy is  
25 going to happen here.





1 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Erik Ferry.

2 MR. FERRY: Good evening, and thanks for the  
3 opportunity to speak, although that opportunity was  
4 much attenuated by the manner in which the hearing was  
5 both advertised and conducted.

6 FROM THE FLOOR: We can't hear you.

7 MR. FERRY: I too, before I start, I was  
8 complaining about the way in which the hearing and  
9 procedure and the advertising and so on was put  
10 forward. As someone who has been involved in this  
11 issue since late '84, to not get a notice of any kind  
12 and to hear about it in fact from a friend who used to  
13 be a city planner instead of from the Port Commission  
14 or the Mayor or the Navy, that is very disappointing.

15 Like so many others, I think the major problem  
16 is an end run is being done around the environmental  
17 review process. We have an environmental review  
18 process. It's a very complicated one. It was put  
19 there to deal with problems just like that. Despite  
20 changes in the wording, various drafts of this proposal  
21 still amounts to a desire on the part of the Mayor to  
22 not fully see through the environmental process.

23 The Department of City Planning, the earliest  
24 date it can rule on the state environmental law is  
25 tomorrow, yet this meeting is today. Very odd.



1           What is this going to do to the Port  
2 Commission's plans for areas of the Port of San  
3 Francisco that are affected? I thought that there was  
4 already a plan on the books for Pier 30 through 32, was  
5 going to be a coffee-holding facility and some other  
6 commercial peacetime activities were going to take  
7 place at Pier 32. Now, what is going to happen to  
8 that? Is it going to be subverted for this dubious  
9 home porting plan?

10           All the things that had to be done for Hunters  
11 Point, the effects on population, on transportation, on  
12 public housing and so on and so forth are going to be  
13 just as significant here, but has any of that  
14 information been gained yet? It hasn't. Still we are  
15 trying to push through this process the statement that  
16 says: Yes, San Francisco wants the Missouri.

17           San Francisco voters voted two weeks ago not  
18 to bring nuclear armaments or powered vessels or other  
19 kinds of materials into San Francisco.

20           So, that is really the gist of it. I have my  
21 written comments available for you to peruse.

22           CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. Robin Krop.  
23 Jefferey Myers.

24           FROM THE FLOOR: Robin Krop is here.

25           MS. KROP: I wanted to say to say what



1 happened last night, when I started getting calls last  
2 night from my friends and acquaintances to tell me that  
3 this was going on today, and we were all in shock just  
4 in talking about it because we expect better here in  
5 this city. I think we expect better of people here and  
6 our institutions. It feels like a betrayal of our  
7 public trust to have this going on.

8 I have been watching these hearings for a long  
9 time, and I feel it's only fair to give us time to know  
10 what's happening so that we can all come and hear and  
11 speak and give ourselves some time even to inform  
12 ourselves on what's happening.

13 I feel bad inside right now. I have this  
14 feeling. It's like if I were to talk about the Port  
15 Commission, I would be telling my friends, I don't  
16 understand what happened. I think that if you are  
17 going to have our trust here in this city, I would like  
18 an explanation, a fuller explanation as to what  
19 happened here, who called it, how it happened, and why  
20 you thought this was even the way to go on such a big  
21 issue. Because we feel betrayed.

22 That is my major thing that I want to say  
23 tonight, other than the fact that I am for peace and I  
24 really don't want to bring the military weapons into  
25 this bay because I don't feel safe with them and I





1 don't think it leaves our area safe at all, and I would  
2 like to see peacetime jobs for people and not link it  
3 to military issues.

4 So, that is basically what I have to say.

5 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you. Jefferey Myers.  
6 Pete Liederman. Ward Young.

7 Is there anyone who wishes to speak?

8 FROM THE FLOOR: My name was on the list.

9 FROM THE FLOOR: My name was on the list, too.

10 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: That is why I am giving you  
11 the opportunity now to speak. We have had several  
12 lists, and things have gotten a little confused, so now  
13 you have the floor.

14 Who wishes to speak first? Please come up.

15 MS. OLAN: My name is Phyllis Olan, and I am  
16 the secretary of the Northern California Branch of  
17 Architects, Designers, Planners for Social  
18 Responsibility. That takes half my time to say.

19 I also work in an export firm in San  
20 Francisco. I want to talk just about, from an economic  
21 end. I know that most people can deal with things when  
22 you talk economically. The military buildup, I think,  
23 is a dead-end game. You can't wear guns, you can't eat  
24 them, can't live in them.

25 I think it's very interesting that all of the



1 goods that I ship out of this country go out of the  
2 Port of Oakland. Nothing goes out of San Francisco.  
3 There was one steamship that I used to use to go to  
4 American Samoa and Tahiti General Steamship Company,  
5 and that's no longer in business, so we do no business  
6 in San Francisco at all. That is stuff you can eat,  
7 wear, and live in. I think that is a real shame.

8 I want to talk from another point of view,  
9 which has to do with emotions and feelings. I think  
10 our lives are very fragmented. I know so many people  
11 who will say: Well, I don't believe this military  
12 buildup means anything. I think it's horrible. I  
13 think it's atrocious. But I work here and I earn my  
14 money, and I've got to have my job.

15 Well, you people are in a unique position.  
16 You actually, if this is legal at all, which is another  
17 question, you actually have the opportunity to make a  
18 decision on your feelings. Each one of you can look  
19 into your own humanity and say: Well, forget the  
20 economics right now. Do I want to be surrounded with  
21 nuclear weapons in my bay? Do I want my children's  
22 lives at stake? Do I want to see it all over?

23 There is no way to get away from it. A  
24 nuclear accident would destroy this area. My husband  
25 is a licensed fall-out shelter analyst, and he kind of



1 infiltrated THEMA to get into that. He knows there is  
2 no way to get away from it. It's all baloney.

3 So, I think if you will reach into your own  
4 hearts and souls, you have got to make a decision about  
5 this that goes beyond economics, that just has to do  
6 with life and for sanity. So I urge you to vote  
7 against having the Missouri here, whether temporarily  
8 or longer.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: You wanted to speak?

11 MR. SARGENT: Yes. First of all, there was a  
12 question asked several times, and there was discussion  
13 back and forth about who said what and who didn't. We  
14 never did find out who called this hearing.

15 You think that could be explained now? Who  
16 actually did call this hearing? Mr. Chairman?

17 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: We followed the usual  
18 procedure. Staff makes the recommendation, runs it by  
19 me, and if I have no objection, then we put it on the  
20 agenda, and the meeting is called.

21 MR. SARGENT: Who on the staff made the  
22 recommendation?

23 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: I already indicated. Mr.  
24 Gartland --

25 MR. SARGENT: But he said he didn't make the





1 recommendation, that he only heard about it after the  
2 fact.

3 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: He talked to me previously  
4 about this item. But in terms of actually setting the  
5 meeting, he wasn't available at the time. That is what  
6 he is saying.

7 MR. SARGENT: So you called the meeting.

8 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: As I usually do.

9 MR. SARGENT: Okay. Very good. I guess we  
10 understand that.

11 Well, I didn't introduce myself. My name is  
12 Gary Sargent, and I am a blue-collar worker in San  
13 Francisco, a self-employed blue-collar worker.

14 Now, there has been a lot of talk about  
15 blue-collar jobs, mostly by people who are paid to be  
16 here. I am not being paid to be here. I am losing  
17 business and I can't make any money because I am here  
18 today. I feel it's important enough to do that.

19 I think this whole job issue is, I think  
20 everybody realizes that it's a red herring. The Navy  
21 is, by their own count, only offering 400 jobs gross.  
22 If this Missouri fleet is brought here, that is going  
23 to cost the city thousands of jobs, so it's a net job  
24 deficit. That is quite obvious. And that is the  
25 strongest argument they get for bringing it here.



1           There's an article in the San Francisco  
2       Independent just last week, front-page article. Didn't  
3       have anything to do with this except that it was about  
4       people from the fishing industry, the recreational  
5       fishing industry who had been out in the bay and  
6       noticed that in the last couple months there's been a  
7       sharp decrease in fish, extremely sharp decrease in  
8       fish, and that this was a result of increased dredging  
9       which has been done, dredging in response to this whole  
10      operation that is going on here, but not officially  
11      authorized as such, since the Environmental Impact  
12      Report hasn't been put through, but still related to  
13      that.

14           Now, if we lose the recreational fishing  
15      industry in San Francisco -- which is quite likely if  
16      this dredging is done, according to all the scientists  
17      who have explored the idea -- how many thousands of  
18      people is that going to put out of work?

19           In the commercial fishing industry, the  
20      fishing industry in the Delta, the tourist industry --

21           CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: You have about 12 seconds.

22           MR. SARGENT: These are all people who work.  
23      Everybody else has spoken about all the other issues  
24      that need to be considered here. I just think that if  
25      you succumb to this talk about blue-collar workers and



1 this pseudo appeal here, it's not valid. You know it's  
2 not valid. We all know it's not valid. San Francisco  
3 doesn't want the Missouri. That is clear from the  
4 election. You're wasting your time, you're wasting our  
5 time. Consider something else that is of real  
6 consequence to the city. We are not going to have the  
7 Missouri here.

8 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you.

9 Does anyone else wish to speak?

10 MS. SMITH: My name is Susan Smith. It's a  
11 little hard to hear over there, and I would like to ask  
12 one more time some questions for the record. This is  
13 addressed to the Chair.

14 My first question is: If you called the  
15 meeting, then why did you have to ask somebody else who  
16 called it? I heard some discussion going on.

17 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: I am not prepared to be  
18 interrogated. As I told, the reason why I didn't  
19 respond the first time was for Mr. Gartland to be here,  
20 so he could explain the procedure.

21 Now, I have explained the procedure. I have  
22 nothing else to say. Put that on the record. And you  
23 have three minutes. If you have a statement to make,  
24 you should make it.

25 MS. SMITH: I still want to know for the





1 record -- I could not hear over here who called the  
2 meeting. Could I have the name, please.

3 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: The usual procedure is for  
4 the staff to make recommendations of agenda items and  
5 the need for special meetings, which they run by me as  
6 chairman of the commission, president of the  
7 commission. I either approve or disapprove. If I  
8 approve, it goes forward. If I disapprove and I have  
9 reason to believe it's not appropriate, then it's  
10 either not called or not on the agenda.

11 MS. SMITH: So you are saying that you did  
12 approve.

13 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: That is why we are meeting.

14 MS. SMITH: So you approved. And your name  
15 is? Please.

16 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Is my name where?

17 MS. SMITH: What is your name, please, so I  
18 know this for certain.

19 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: What is my name?

20 MS. SMITH: As the person who called the  
21 meeting. I'd just like to have it in the record.

22 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: My name is Arthur Coleman.

23 MS. SMITH: Thank you. I'd like to know when  
24 the meeting was called. There should be a date.

25 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Do you wish to respond?



1 MS. KARIKAS: I believe if you would like to  
2 clarify for the record when it was called, it's  
3 certainly appropriate.

4 I might just point out that I think the  
5 original meeting was called sometime ago for another  
6 agenda item by the commission.

7 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: This is added as an  
8 additional agenda item.

9 MS. SMITH: So, when was this agenda item  
10 added? Was that the point at which the meeting was  
11 called? Or at what point was this meeting for this  
12 agenda item called?

13 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: I am just not prepared to  
14 sit here and be interrogated, young lady. This is your  
15 opportunity to make a statement, whether you are for or  
16 against.

17 MS. SMITH: I believe I have a right under the  
18 Brown Act --

19 FROM THE FLOOR: It's germane to the legality  
20 of this meeting.

21 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: There is another way to  
22 deal with that.

23 MS. SMITH: I want it on the record that you  
24 are refusing to answer that, then. If you will not  
25 clarify which day the agenda item was added and which



1 day the meeting was called for this agenda item, I want  
2 that on the record. Okay.

3 I heard about the meeting two days ago through  
4 the grapevine.

5 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: You had three minutes. You  
6 have one minute.

7 MS. SMITH: I have been testifying over and  
8 over, and I was not notified. In the short time I have  
9 left, I would like to say we have been led down the  
10 garden path about the jobs issue. We have heard that  
11 we are going to get from 2,000 to 4,000 to 6,000 to  
12 22,750 jobs from the Mayor and the Chamber of Commerce.

13 I have looked at all the documents in City  
14 Hall, and I think there's hardly any evidence at all of  
15 the document -- just last summer we learned that, well,  
16 actually, we are going to get less than 2,000 jobs, and  
17 that is in San Francisco.

18 For three years, the benefits were being  
19 studied by the city, supposedly. It took three years  
20 to talk about the benefits. The costs in terms of jobs  
21 were never talked about until this summer, and the  
22 group that did the study about job costs only had two  
23 weeks to do that study.

24 What kind of a balanced assessment of jobs and  
25 economic benefits for San Francisco is this? I don't





1 believe that the true interests of the City of San  
2 Francisco in terms of economics, in terms of jobs, in  
3 terms of blue-collar workers are really being served  
4 when such shoddy attempts at studying are done. There  
5 were no attempts.

6 This whole process, as you've heard from many,  
7 many people, is very confusing. I believe it violates  
8 the Brown Act. There were 50 pink tickets given out  
9 at some point. Who gave them out? Who were they given  
10 to? How did you find out about it?

11 A friend of mine was here at 1:20. He was  
12 given No. 50, and there were not people here waiting in  
13 line. There was no first come, first serve basis.  
14 People who called the Port Commission were not told  
15 anything about 50 pink tickets. What was the process  
16 for that? It was not equal access for the public. I  
17 believe that should be illegal.

18 One thing I am not confused about, though, is  
19 that the interests of economics, which is the  
20 advertising thing that has been used to bring the  
21 Missouri, are not the main interests. It's obviously a  
22 political situation here. There's a time line,  
23 somebody's time line. I won't go into whose.

24 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Your time is up.

25 MS. SMITH: It's not for the public.



1           That is my deepest feeling.

2           CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you.

3           Is there anyone else who wishes to speak? If  
4 you have spoken once -- yes?

5           MS. HOFFMAN: I had not come here to speak. I  
6 came to listen. I am Martha Hoffman. I have lived in  
7 San Francisco since about 1975. I am a landscape  
8 gardener. I am taking time off work this afternoon and  
9 losing a good amount of money.

10           I came to listen and participate and not to  
11 speak. I couldn't get in, as you know. Most of us  
12 couldn't. So, eventually I learned that there were  
13 speakers outside, we could listen outside. So a number  
14 of people and I were back and forth trying to get in  
15 and then listening outside. We were listening outside  
16 when the plug was pulled. And we asked people to turn  
17 it on again, and they said they couldn't.

18           We came up to tell the people that the plug  
19 was pulled. They said: Yes. They couldn't have all  
20 that noise. And they just wouldn't turn it back on.  
21 They wouldn't let us in, and it was just too bad.

22           Then we were told that it was on again, so  
23 people went back down. Of course it wasn't on again.  
24 And we came back up and couldn't get in. There were  
25 about 13 people waiting at the door at that time.



1 There were probably, I am not sure, about six or seven  
2 of us outside when it was turned off.

3 The only reason I am getting up to tell you  
4 this is, I understand there was some misunderstanding  
5 about it when people said there wasn't anyone out there  
6 listening so it really didn't matter. Well, we were  
7 listening. We wanted to hear. I came here to hear. I  
8 have lost considerable money this afternoon.

9 In conclusion, I am really opposed to the  
10 Missouri coming here, and I really hope to God you  
11 people will vote against it. I am sure you are all  
12 really good people and you're San Franciscans, and I am  
13 a San Franciscan, but it is just not good, what's  
14 happening, and please table it or do whatever you can  
15 do graciously to stop this right here and now.

16 Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Any other speakers? Okay.  
18 Then one more, and we will conclude the public hearing.

19 MR. MEOLA: I'm Bob Meola, and I'm a pacifist  
20 and a law student and a resident of San Francisco.

21 I skipped my civil procedure class to come  
22 here today. As you know, people have told you, I was  
23 outside and couldn't get in, and then eventually I ran  
24 into some very uncivil procedure. Before I say what I  
25 would like to say about the Missouri, I want to let you





1 know that I noticed that some people were being told  
2 not to bring their bags into this room, but I noticed  
3 that it was rather arbitrary and that people were  
4 carrying briefcases in and out. I asked about it, and  
5 I figured if you people set policy, maybe you should  
6 get the policy act together here, because the Pinkerton  
7 person did not know who was the authority who made the  
8 policy, and the San Francisco police didn't answer the  
9 questions about whose policy it was.

10 So when it came time for me to come in here, I  
11 just walked through with my bag, and Pinkerton told me  
12 I couldn't do that, and I kept walking. So the San  
13 Francisco police physically grabbed me.

14 I was willing to consent to a search of my  
15 bag, but it seemed awfully discriminatory and  
16 arbitrary, and I thought you might want to be careful,  
17 because in the future you might run into lawsuits filed  
18 against whoever is making these policies. It just  
19 didn't seem right. Because like people, there's all  
20 kinds of bags and briefcases in this room, and I figure  
21 you should either have a policy or not have a policy,  
22 and explain what it is and see that it's applied  
23 equally to everybody.

24 They're worried about public safety, they  
25 said. Like I said, I'm a pacifist. I don't carry



1 bombs and weapons. I understand that, well, it seems  
2 like if you are concerned about public safety, you  
3 wouldn't want bombs out in the harbor. I certain don't  
4 carry them in my bag.

5 [Laughter]

6 MR. MEOLA: And probably you have heard all  
7 the ecological, economic, legal and moral arguments  
8 from other people today more articulately than I could  
9 go into with facts and figures right now about why we  
10 shouldn't have the Missouri here.

11 But basically with me it's a matter of moral  
12 outrage. I don't like obscenity, and we've got a lot of  
13 obscenity in this city right now. One of the biggest  
14 examples I can think of is the Presidio and its  
15 complicity in Central America. And if the Missouri  
16 comes, that will be one more big obscenity in San  
17 Francisco.

18 I don't like war toys either, and the Missouri  
19 would not be healthy for children and other living  
20 things. It would be like a floating Auschwitz. I  
21 don't really have use for the military. I particularly  
22 don't like having the Navy around, period.

23 Somebody mentioned drugs. It's obvious that  
24 it's the U.S. military that brought in the drugs, the  
25 heroin from Vietnam and now the cocaine from Central



1 America. That's how it gets into the communities. It  
2 gets into the ships and to the sailors and into the  
3 youth in the communities. And by now we should all  
4 realize that it's the secret government and the  
5 administration that uses military planes and things to  
6 bring in drugs to our communities.

7 So, with that kind of situation, it seems like  
8 I really think that to uphold international law, the  
9 best thing that people in the military could do, maybe  
10 even the naval admirals that are docked around here,  
11 maybe they could just desert and join the peace  
12 movement and help to uphold international law, because  
13 there doesn't seem to be anybody in this country doing  
14 that. The Missouri would just be, you know, we need  
15 the Missouri like Europe and the world needed the Third  
16 Reich.

17 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you.

18 MS. CALDWEST: Captain Shirley Caldwell  
19 representing Crowley Maritime Corporation, stating  
20 support for the home porting of the USS Missouri and  
21 stating support for the interim resolution necessary to  
22 bring the USS Missouri to the Port of San Francisco.

23 Thank you.

24 MR. MCCARTHY: Dr. Coleman, commissioners. My  
25 name is Robert McCarthy. I am an attorney, businessman





1 in San Francisco, father of five native San Franciscans  
2 ages four to 12, a democrat, a liberal, a trade  
3 unionist.

4 I am here to speak in favor of the resolution.  
5 I am saddened today because I see the fulfillment of a  
6 prophesy that was made when I was a student at the  
7 University of Chicago at the Center for Urban Studies.  
8 The prophesy was that the traditional coalition of  
9 working men and women, minorities, and of liberal  
10 intellectuals which gave us the fair deal, the new  
11 deal, the new frontier, the great society, was over.

12 The prophet at a place like the University of  
13 Chicago, bastion of conservative economics, was not  
14 Milton Friedman, was not Dr. Shultz, was not Robert  
15 Borke, or, indeed, Douglas Ginsberg. The prophet was  
16 Jesse Jackson. And the Reverend Jackson said that the  
17 cause of working men and women and the cause of the  
18 immediate needs of minorities, which is jobs, which is  
19 food, which is shelter, would ultimately be deserted by  
20 the backbone of the Democratic party, the liberal  
21 intellectual because of slavish devotion to ideological  
22 purity, because of a fascination with intellectual  
23 matters involving long-range planning when immediate  
24 needs for jobs are the issues.

25 One of the speakers said the issue really is



1 jobs. Jobs is the issue. Jobs, food, shelter, dignity  
2 and pride. We are talking today about 10,000 people  
3 who are employed in the ship repair business in San  
4 Francisco. These are real issues. Mr. Butler talked  
5 about the fact that he is going back to his office  
6 today to lay people off on the eve of Thanksgiving.  
7 There will be no turkey on those tables. There will be  
8 no toys for those children at Christmas. Because these  
9 jobs are going to evaporate.

10 There is a minimum of 1800 man days that must  
11 be met every year in the ship repair business in this  
12 city which provides \$200 million of income to working  
13 men and women. If those jobs are cut back further,  
14 that business will disappear, those people will be  
15 unemployed. Mortgages won't be paid. Food won't be  
16 put on the table. Theoretical studies can't be cashed  
17 at the Safeway. You can't feed children with a  
18 theoretical idea about turning the Missouri into a  
19 hotel or turning the Missouri into some kind of a place  
20 for the homeless. The way you take care of the  
21 homeless is to give them jobs.

22 Confucius said long ago: Give a man a fish,  
23 he eats for a day. Teach a man to fish, he eats for a  
24 lifetime.

25 I urge you to fulfill your obligation to the



1 working men and women of San Francisco. Vote to have  
2 your staff explore the possibility of preserving the  
3 Missouri, the 10,000 jobs we have now and the 7,000  
4 jobs it will bring.

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: I understand there is one  
7 more, and this will conclude it.

8 MS. GEORGE: My name is Barbara George, and I  
9 work with the Arms Control Research Center. I came  
10 over here on Monday to pick up a copy of whatever you  
11 had on this issue so that I could review it and help  
12 prepare my comments and tell people what was happening  
13 today.

14 When I arrived, I was given two copies of the  
15 agenda, one that did not have the Missouri on it, one  
16 that did have the Missouri on it. I was told that that  
17 one was just now being finished and run off on the  
18 copying machine. That was on Monday afternoon about  
19 4:00.

20 Then there was no information. I called today  
21 to find out what the format of the hearing was going to  
22 be, and I didn't hear anything about only 50 people or  
23 actually only 14 people being allowed in the room, did  
24 not hear what the size of the room is. There was just  
25 no information.





1           When I got to the front door, I found out that  
2 I wasn't going to be allowed to get in, was not going  
3 to be allowed to sign up. I was told by the Pinkerton  
4 guard that I couldn't even put my name on a list  
5 because I couldn't get in the door. I was ushered out  
6 to the back patio. And after about an hour, I found  
7 out from someone who had come down that there was  
8 actually a way to get into the building and eventually  
9 to get on the list.

10           Well, when my name was finally called to come  
11 into this inner sanctum, my backpack was also  
12 confiscated. I was told that I could keep valuable  
13 items from it. So I took my valuable items out, but I  
14 forgot my pencils and things like that which I needed.

15           I was amazed when I came into the room to see  
16 briefcases and large bags all around the room. I think  
17 it's quite interesting that you think backpacks are  
18 somehow subversive and other large bags are not.

19           This is the 13th hearing that I have attended  
20 and worked to get people out for. I think somehow it's  
21 fitting that this is the 13th meeting on the Missouri.  
22 I have alternated in the past two days from being very,  
23 very upset and angry and thinking that this was one of  
24 the most hilarious things I had ever heard of and seen  
25 in operation. I am sure that some of the commissioners



1 and staff must be deeply ashamed to be a part of this  
2 travesty, a mockery of democracy, and I feel for you.  
3 I am sorry that this is taking place.

4 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: You have a minute.

5 MS. GEORGE: I believe you spoke at one of the  
6 MOU hearings this summer, and I thought you had made an  
7 interesting point. It could be someone else. I didn't  
8 catch the name. But I heard that you're concerned that  
9 if the Navy took over the Hunters Point shipyard and  
10 didn't put a commercial operator in that you were  
11 concerned about whether or not there was going to be  
12 preference for Navy ships over commercial ship repair  
13 out there. I image that is still a problem.

14 I saw a grand jury report this year that said  
15 that the port has been terribly mismanaged under this  
16 administration, and I guess I am not surprised after  
17 what I have seen here. I think it's important to note  
18 that one of the reasons why our shipbuilding industry  
19 is in such a bad state is because the U.S. military has  
20 been supporting corporations off shore which have been  
21 taking over all the shipbuilding industry. And our  
22 military has made it possible for Korea to become the  
23 No. 1 shipbuilder in the world. Their workers work for  
24 very little money.

25 Now, our workers aren't making very much money



1 either, and I think there is one real interesting thing  
2 in the Navy figures we were offered for how much ship  
3 repair dollars there would be coming into the area.  
4 They based this on a figure of \$500 and said that \$375  
5 of that was going to be labor costs. Now, this is per  
6 day. That \$375, you take off a third of that,  
7 according to the joint report that the city did this  
8 summer, if you take off a third of that for employer  
9 costs, well, what is left over ends up being a wage of  
10 \$31 an hour. My understanding is that the ship repair  
11 workers in San Francisco, with seniority, are only  
12 making \$13.20 an hour.

13 I would very much like to know what is  
14 happening with the difference in that money. Is that  
15 money actually just going to disappear? Is it going to  
16 Oliver North? What happens to that extra money that  
17 they say is going to be used for labor?

18 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: I am afraid your time is up  
19 now. Thank you.

20 All right. That concludes the public  
21 testimony.

22 FROM THE FLOOR: Wait a minute. His name was  
23 called.

24 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: I have given --

25 FROM THE FLOOR: He walked in a few minutes





1 ago, just before the previous speaker. His name was on  
2 the list and you called it earlier.

3 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Where is the gentleman?  
4 Let me ask a question for the last time. Is there  
5 anyone else in this room who wishes to speak? Now, not  
6 hearing any other names, this will be the last speaker.  
7 We will conclude public testimony.

8 A SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Coleman. I will be  
9 quite brief.

10 I think a primary concern I have basically is  
11 the Missouri, a basing mode for nuclear weapons. Is it  
12 something that is going to further destabilize the arms  
13 race? If it is, is it something that is going to  
14 endanger this city if it is? I think that you as a  
15 public body who are in position to vote on some aspect  
16 of bringing the Missouri in here have to consider those  
17 questions.

18 In considering them, I just think you ought to  
19 also keep in mind two facts. One is, although I am not  
20 a voter in San Francisco, I understand the voters in  
21 San Francisco did just recently vote in favor of a  
22 policy making the city a nuclear free zone.

23 If you do come to the conclusion that the  
24 Missouri is a basing mode for nuclear weapons, then I  
25 think you have to consider whether you are following



1 the will of the people.

2 The other vote that happened very recently,  
3 although it's still ongoing, is what is going on in  
4 Congress, where Congress, through the House  
5 Subcommittee, through the conference committee process,  
6 has elected not to at this point provide the funds to  
7 put the Missouri at Hunters Point.

8 I think one has to look at what Congress is  
9 doing. Congress is, after all, ultimately the boss  
10 even of the Navy, and I think what they're telling you  
11 is it's time to cool this project.

12 Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Thank you.

14 Commissioners, comments, discussion on the  
15 resolution? I think the resolution is very clear. I  
16 don't think I need to repeat it. You all have a copy.

17 COMMISSIONER HALSTED: I'd like to get the  
18 City Attorney's opinion on some of the legal issues  
19 that were raised. I don't know what the right way to  
20 do that is, but I don't know the answers to them.

21 I guess the first is whether or not notice was  
22 proper.

23 MS. KARIKAS: The code requires that there be  
24 24 hours' notice for a special meeting. My  
25 understanding is that the notice went out on Friday,



1 was mailed on Friday. So legal requirements were met  
2 for that.

3 As far as the substance, I believe that was  
4 pointed out earlier in someone's comments, whether or  
5 not that was sufficient in what was actually published  
6 as part of the agenda.

7 I would certainly conclude that there was  
8 sufficient notice to alert people as to the topic that  
9 was being discussed today. As you all know, certainly  
10 it is up to the commission to make any changes or  
11 amendments so that any format in which it is presented  
12 to you can always be changed and modified during the  
13 commission meeting. So, I believe there was sufficient  
14 detail to alert the public as to the substance of the  
15 matter being discussed.

16 COMMISSIONER HALSTED: Is there an issue with  
17 regard to the calling of the meeting?

18 MS. KARIKAS: My understanding is, and as I  
19 recall from prior Port Commission meetings, this  
20 special meeting was originally called for another item,  
21 and it was called by the commission at that time.

22 COMMISSIONER HALSTED: It was called properly?

23 MS. KARIKAS: Right.

24 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: Mr. Chairman, I would  
25 like to make a motion, and the motion I'd like to make,





1 and I believe it's not subject to debate, is that the  
2 issue before the commission be tabled indefinitely.

3 I don't think it's subject to discussion. If  
4 it's seconded, I think the vote has to take place. If  
5 it is carried in the affirmative, then further  
6 discussion, I think, is unnecessary. If it is  
7 defeated, then I want to discuss the issue before us.

8 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Is there a second to the  
9 motion? Hearing none --

10 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: It dies for a lack of a  
11 second.

12 Let me make an observation or a series of  
13 them. I think very few people who testified here today  
14 are aware that what is before this commission is a  
15 non-issue, that this commission is not asked to invite  
16 the Missouri to San Francisco on a permanent or  
17 temporary basis.

18 The commission has spent better than four  
19 hours taking testimony around the proposition where the  
20 staff is instructed to explore. I think that  
21 proposition, along with testimony in favor of it,  
22 really is, to put it mildly, cosmetic. It's fluff. It  
23 adds nothing, it means nothing.

24 First of all, there is a policy that is in  
25 place adopted by this commission that takes precedence



1 with respect to what the use of Pier 30-32 will be.

2 That policy is to replace a burned-out pier with a  
3 container freight station, among others, that will be  
4 used in addition to other purposes.

5 That container freight station, insofar as I  
6 understand, is going forward. Private entrepreneurs  
7 have been involved and have indicated their support and  
8 their willingness to participate in that endeavor.

9 As early as the summer of '88 that project, it  
10 is anticipated, will go forward, or it could go  
11 forward. The notion that you can build a container  
12 freight station or have elaborate construction at that  
13 pier concurrent with berthing of the Missouri does not  
14 make much sense.

15 The fact is that any thought of berthing the  
16 Missouri at Pier 30-32 is prospective. I see no date  
17 here, but from what I understand, it could occur --  
18 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991. The reality is that, with the  
19 present policy of this commission, the berthing of the  
20 Missouri at 30-32 on a temporary basis during any part  
21 of that time is academic.

22 I reject the notion that we should set aside a  
23 previously adopted policy concurred in unanimously by  
24 this commission so that some accommodation can be made  
25 for reasons that have not been explained.



1           The Deputy Mayor acknowledged that the chances  
2 of getting affirmative reconsideration of the funding  
3 by any part of Congress is, quote, is remote, unquote,  
4 or that successfully engaging in any other technique  
5 that would in fact bring the Missouri here on a  
6 temporary or a permanent basis is not very realistic.

7           I have yet to hear from my advocate of any  
8 policy to either in fact do this or to explore it. I  
9 have yet to hear any rationale for doing it. I have  
10 yet to hear anybody explain this is why we are going to  
11 do it, excepting to throw kisses at the Navy. I don't  
12 understand it.

13           It's stipulated that the chances of anything  
14 realistically occurring that reverses what is presently  
15 the attitude of Congress from their vantage point for  
16 good and sufficient reason, that the chances of doing  
17 anything with respect to that question, forget about  
18 it; it's not going to happen.

19           Why then would we have such an elaborate  
20 hearing? The Missouri berths at 30-32 with some  
21 regularity, as do other Navy ships. I haven't heard  
22 any complaint about the Navy ever entering the Port of  
23 San Francisco, about seafaring men and women ever being  
24 less than welcome, of this city ever having anything  
25 less than an enthusiastic reception for those men and





1 women, however we deplore the shocking prospects of  
2 nuclear war or the danger of a nuclear accident that  
3 would visit horrendous damage on everybody in this city  
4 and beyond, irrespective of what their point of view  
5 may be about berthing the Missouri here.

6 The issue is not whether or not the Navy is  
7 welcome in San Francisco. There is an historic mode of  
8 conduct by the citizens of this community that should  
9 not and, I suspect, will not change.

10 But the question is whether or not we need to  
11 go through what I just don't understand. I don't want  
12 to use words like charade or political. I don't want  
13 to use things that are inflammatory or expressions that  
14 will provoke more anger or emotion than we have already  
15 heard.

16 I don't accept the proposition that the  
17 underlying issue is jobs. That is not fair. It's not  
18 accurate.

19 I wonder about whether or not it's rational  
20 for us to have a preoccupation with the creation of  
21 jobs that have to pluck those jobs from someplace else,  
22 that have to assign people to unemployment someplace  
23 else.

24 Does it make it valid for us somehow therefore  
25 in a synthetic way to create jobs? We are not creating



1 jobs. We are transferring jobs. We are taking them  
2 from people who have them to give them to someone here  
3 on a provincial basis. That sounds great. I don't  
4 think it's valid.

5 I think that there is an underlying  
6 proposition that has to be examined and evaluated and  
7 addressed, and that is the failure of the government of  
8 these United States to deal effectively with a  
9 continuing erosion of jobs, blue-collar jobs, because  
10 the Navy, for one -- it's a good example of the agency  
11 of government that plays the game of being competitive,  
12 where jobs have been lost to shipbuilding workers, ship  
13 repair workers, because they weren't competitive, and  
14 they went elsewhere -- in this country, to be sure.  
15 But they went elsewhere on a cheaper job basis, however  
16 they got there.

17 The fact is that we have abandoned a  
18 responsibility for subsidizing American steamship  
19 companies so that they can effectively engage in  
20 shipbuilding here in these United States, so that  
21 thousands upon thousands of jobs have been lost. That  
22 is just the tip of the iceberg.

23 Basic industry in these United States has been  
24 allowed to escape in the name of competition so that  
25 workers -- good, decent workers, the kind that were



1 here today -- are desperate and anxious and angry and  
2 concerned.

3 That young fellow who was here who has to go  
4 down and tell people that there is going to be a layoff  
5 tonight, there will be a layoff tonight no matter what  
6 we do, and shouldn't kid ourselves that this commission  
7 has the capacity to do otherwise. That layoff will in  
8 fact occur. It will occur because those very workers  
9 have been told that they're too expensive and the jobs  
10 that they had have been transferred either out of the  
11 country or into open shop states where they don't stand  
12 a chance and where the jobs aren't even worthwhile.

13 You want to talk about jobs? I can speak with  
14 authority about jobs. I see it every day in the hiring  
15 halls of my own union, where people are placed on that  
16 scrap heap of unemployment, through no fault of their  
17 own, and where they are maneuvered into positions of  
18 overstating the importance of a particular proposition  
19 only for jobs, when if you really closely examine what  
20 is thought to be an opportunity for job creation really  
21 isn't that at all. That isn't what it is at all.

22 If the port staff, in pursuit of their duties,  
23 wants to have discussion or conversation with somebody  
24 about a proposition that would then be formally  
25 presented to this commission around which there would





1 be public notice and an opportunity for debate, then  
2 the staff may do that. There is nothing to vote on  
3 here. There is nothing whatsoever for this commission  
4 to vote on. To direct them to explore? The original  
5 proposition was to have them issue the invitation. Is  
6 that right, doctor?

7 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: That was the original  
9 proposition. So that would have been a course of  
10 action. That would have been something that would have  
11 required the commission to vote "yes" or "no."

12 What is the business about directing them to  
13 explore? Direct them to pick up a telephone? From  
14 what I hear, the Navy should not be anticipated to be  
15 very sympathetic to this proposition.

16 I think this meeting has truly evoked great  
17 and legitimate emotion for no real purpose, for no  
18 purpose at all. But before you can even get into that  
19 question, there has to be a proposition placed before  
20 the commission, and correct me if I am wrong, counsel,  
21 that rescinds the action of this commission, that  
22 preempts any other activity at Pier 30-32 excepting the  
23 building of a CFS, among other things, replacing where  
24 that facility was burned out.

25 Because to have that action on the table and



1 to then concurrently do something else creates a  
2 mutually exclusive proposition. They cannot be done  
3 simultaneously. They can't be done by lip service, by  
4 declaration. I don't know it can be done. We have a  
5 policy for 30-32.

6 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Okay. Are you finished?

7 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER HALSTED: I would just like to  
9 ask the staff to explain how this is perceived to  
10 happen, how the two uses could be simultaneous.

11 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: Commissioner Herman, if  
12 the commission is not asked to do anything, we are  
13 directed --

14 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: What did we do for four  
15 hours then?

16 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: -- we are directed to do  
17 something that we could do anyway, then your argument  
18 was self-cancelling. There is no problem of  
19 temporarily berthing the Missouri at 30-32 and having  
20 our program for CFS and coffee terminal proceed. It is  
21 not mutually exclusive. I disagree with you totally on  
22 that issue.

23 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: Then we have a  
24 disagreement.

25 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: That is right. We have a



1 disagreement. I think that that answers your question  
2 directly. It is not mutually exclusive. We can have  
3 both. You say: Well, you have the Navy ships coming  
4 into San Francisco. We have them coming in now. Why  
5 can't we have them coming in on a regular basis?

6 Well, Commissioner Herman, you have been  
7 around this waterfront for as many years as I have, and  
8 you have been to sea and I have been to sea. And you,  
9 Commissioner Herman, and I know that if you are going  
10 to put a ship there such as a battleship on a temporary  
11 basis for a long period of time, you are going have to  
12 require electricity, steam, and sewage facilities. And  
13 those are the types of things that you cannot do for  
14 over a period of a week or two weeks.

15 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: Then explain the --

16 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: Those are the types of  
17 things that I think --

18 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: Fine. I want you then  
19 to explain.

20 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: -- we have to explore.

21 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: When the ship comes in  
22 on a temporary basis, you have temporary sewage, you  
23 have temporary lighting, you have temporary other  
24 things.

25 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: It is a question, I guess,





1 of what you mean by temporary and what I mean by  
2 temporary.

3 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: You have to put in  
4 permanent sewer lines, you have to put in permanent  
5 electricity, as is different when the ship just visits  
6 here.

7 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: As you read the  
8 resolution, it is addressed to the period prior to the  
9 time that the Missouri would be moved to Hunters Point.  
10 That is the intent of the resolution, and that is what  
11 we have to discuss.

12 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: That is not what the  
13 resolution says.

14 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: We again disagree. Thank  
15 you.

16 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: The fact of the matter  
17 is that there is a preamble to the resolution that  
18 really does nothing except to incite emotions, and I  
19 don't even want to discuss the areas of disagreement  
20 with the preamble. The fact of the matter is that the  
21 Missouri would dock along the berths that embrace 30  
22 and 32. That is where it would dock. Right or wrong?

23 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: Commissioner Herman, there  
24 is one berth there. You know that. You have been  
25 around. There is one berth there.



1 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: 30-32, correct?

2 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: Not correct.

3 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: Now, how are you going  
4 to simultaneously have construction when you got a  
5 battleship berth there, how are you going to then  
6 simultaneously put up an elaborate structure?

7 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: Where is the structure  
8 going to be built?

9 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: It is going to be just  
10 down there.

11 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: Well, Commissioner Herman,  
12 if you look at the plans that we have and the proposals  
13 we sent out, you will see that it can be done very  
14 easily.

15 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: I reject that.

16 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: You have had an  
17 opportunity to examine them. I am sorry you haven't  
18 taken advantage of that opportunity.

19 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: Why don't you bring them  
20 in here instead of me taking advantage or not taking  
21 advantage. Put them on the table here and show me.

22 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: One of the things that  
23 I am concerned about, Commissioner Herman, is that I  
24 felt that this addressing the problem of the Missouri  
25 was going to solve some problems. But it's apparent



1 that all the objections that have been made about the  
2 berthing of the Missouri for the last six or eight  
3 months or ten months, whatever it has been, were all  
4 having to do with dredging.

5 There was one gentleman who mentioned dredging  
6 tonight. 30-32 does not pose a problem in that area.  
7 But nobody seems to realize that we are solving a  
8 problem, not creating one.

9 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: That case hasn't been  
10 made. That case has not been made.

11 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: Then we disagree.

12 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: We do indeed.

13 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Any other comments?

14 COMMISSIONER CHANG: With all due respect, I  
15 have to disagree also with Commissioner Herman. I  
16 believe what is in front of this body is really the  
17 economic health of our city. What I am talking about  
18 is jobs.

19 Let me just kind of give you some synopsis of  
20 some of the figures that were thrown out by various  
21 people who testified today. What the USS Missouri  
22 means in terms of economic benefits for the region  
23 means \$255 million. The economic benefit to San  
24 Francisco is \$97 million. The tax revenues that San  
25 Francisco would achieve from the Missouri would be \$2.5





1 million. All told, there is going to be 7,165 civilian  
2 jobs.

3 Now, this report was from the report that was  
4 issued by the controller, the budget analyst of the  
5 Board of Supervisors, and the Mayor's staff. And as  
6 far as I am concerned, these jobs can't wait. I  
7 believe the Port Commission has an obligation to the  
8 citizens of San Francisco who need the jobs to fulfill  
9 that obligation by setting up a policy supporting the  
10 home porting of the USS Missouri in San Francisco by  
11 passing this resolution that is in front of us and  
12 going clearly on record that the Port Commission is in  
13 favor of U.S. Missouri.

14 For these reasons I hereby make a motion as  
15 outlined in Resolution No. 87-131 to have the USS  
16 Missouri temporarily berthed at Pier 30-32 and we  
17 instruct the staff to explore as written in this  
18 resolution.

19 COMMISSIONER RUDDEN: I second the motion.

20 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: I have some questions I  
21 want to ask.

22 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: It has been moved and  
23 seconded. I assume that although you sort of rephrased  
24 it --

25 COMMISSIONER CHANG: I just paraphrased.



1 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Rather than paraphrase it,  
2 it would probably be better if we simply move the  
3 resolution as drafted.

4 COMMISSIONER CHANG: I so move.

5 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Okay. You second?

6 COMMISSIONER RUDDEN: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: I want to ask whether or  
8 not the EIR is done in advance of any temporary  
9 berthing? Is it required in advance of it?

10 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: Is that addressed to me,  
11 Commissioner?

12 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: To whomever is able to  
13 answer it.

14 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: Whatever environmental  
15 reports and requirements have to be done, those would  
16 be performed before we would certainly enter into  
17 anything.

18 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: Any idea as to how long  
19 that would take?

20 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: There may be none that are  
21 required. I don't know, Commissioner Herman.

22 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: Well, let's assume that  
23 there is.

24 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: I don't assume anything.

25 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: For the sake of the



1 question, let's assume that.

2 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: Assume what?

3 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: For the sake of the  
4 question, let's assume that an EIR is necessary.

5 Do you have any idea how long that might take?

6 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: No.

7 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: Okay. The answer is  
8 that you don't know.

9 With respect to the proposition that says  
10 temporary, how would you define temporary?

11 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: I think the Deputy Mayor  
12 indicated what period of time was involved in the  
13 Navy's decision, the problem about the double budgeting  
14 next year, and that is the period of time that I refer  
15 you to, as set forth by the Deputy Mayor.

16 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: Could you tell me? I  
17 don't recall what time frame that was.

18 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: I don't recall either,  
19 Commissioner.

20 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: Then temporary would  
21 mean, for example, until such time as there is a  
22 decision made on the double budgeting?

23 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: Until such time as the  
24 Missouri is finally home ported at Hunters Point, I  
25 would assume.





1           COMMISSIONER HERMAN: Now, would somebody just  
2 be good enough to take this poor old ignorant soul and  
3 explain to me how berthing the Missouri at 30-32 on a  
4 temporary basis creates these thousands of jobs with  
5 this multi-million dollar budget, how you acquire those  
6 jobs by this particular technique. Could somebody  
7 explain that to me.

8           DIRECTOR GARTLAND: I must refer you to the  
9 four hours of testimony regarding that.

10          COMMISSIONER HERMAN: No, no. I want  
11 testimony. We had informal testimony from people who  
12 had a point of view but who did not necessarily when  
13 they were advocates of this issue speak with any  
14 authority.

15               I want to know with respect to the figures  
16 that were presented to this commission from the budget  
17 analyst, from the Mayor, whomever else, I want to know  
18 how that becomes a reality as the result of temporary  
19 berthing of the ship. That is all I want to know. I  
20 might change my mind.

21          DIRECTOR GARTLAND: I can, in all my  
22 ignorance, Commissioner Herman, refer you to the budget  
23 analyst and the Mayor.

24          COMMISSIONER HERMAN: I am asking the  
25 question. If we have temporary berthing of the



1 Missouri at 30-32, temporary, does that create those  
2 thousands of jobs with that multi-million dollar income  
3 and taxes and everything else?

4 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: I refer you to the --

5 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: Does it, "yes" or "no"?

6 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: Let me answer the  
7 question.

8 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Let me --

9 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: I just asked the  
10 question.

11 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Let me bring the meeting  
12 back to the agenda item. We are dealing with the  
13 resolution. I would take exception to some of your  
14 remarks, Commissioner Herman, and some of Commissioner  
15 Chang's. The commission is not being asked to support  
16 the USS Missouri. That is not before the commission at  
17 this time.

18 I don't think the commission is being asked to  
19 identify the number of jobs that the Missouri, et  
20 cetera, would bring. That is not before this  
21 commission.

22 The only thing before this commission is  
23 whether to direct staff to explore the use of Pier  
24 30-32 on a temporary basis for the USS Missouri, and in  
25 doing that they have to make sure all the environmental



1 review requirements are met and that appropriate fees  
2 and charges are made.

3 Now, the other thing that I think we must keep  
4 in mind -- and the only reason this is on the agenda is  
5 because, as you have indicated, we have a clear policy  
6 for 30-32 -- that is the container freight station.

7 So, therefore, before staff can run off and  
8 look at the possibilities of something else, they need  
9 to get some direction from us as to whether they can  
10 even explore it. That is all we are asking.

11 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: Mr. President, I don't  
12 want to beg the question. I just want to make it very  
13 clear that motion has a foundation. The foundation  
14 enunciated by my good friend Commissioner Chang is that  
15 we should explore the temporary berthing of the  
16 Missouri because we don't want to foreclose on the  
17 opportunity to get this awesome sum of money to create  
18 this monumental number of jobs. If that is the basis  
19 we are going to vote on the motion, I want to know  
20 about it.

21 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: That is not the basis. I  
22 don't think we are prepared to substantiate that, and  
23 we are not being asked to substantiate that.

24 COMMISSIONER HERMAN: I happen to believe the  
25 permanent berthing of the Missouri is the prerogative





1 of the Board of Supervisors, and they have already  
2 voted, and that it is on a contingency basis, and that  
3 there are major problems associated with this.

4 That is why I don't understand what the hell  
5 we are doing here.

6 COMMISSIONER HALSTED: I have asked the same  
7 question, Commissioner, and I am not sure I understand  
8 the answer, but let me try to explain what I have been  
9 told.

10 As I understand it, because of the problems  
11 within the appropriations hearings, there may be a  
12 slowdown in the money coming to the city, which would  
13 mean that the preparations cannot be made at Hunters  
14 Point on a timely basis, so there would not be berthing  
15 available at Hunters Point at the time that the  
16 Missouri is to arrive.

17 Therefore, the lack of availability sort of  
18 undermines the whole issue of the Missouri coming here,  
19 and that Pier 30-32 can be made available on a  
20 temporary basis, thereby making the berthing of the  
21 Missouri at Hunters Point possible. That is my  
22 impression. I can certainly stand to be corrected.  
23 But I have asked the question. I think that is how it  
24 was answered.

25 DIRECTOR GARTLAND: Yes.



1           COMMISSIONER HERMAN: I appreciate that,  
2 Commissioner. I am not sure I am clear on what that all  
3 adds up to.

4           COMMISSIONER HALSTED: Let me say something  
5 else. I share your opinion that this particular  
6 resolution doesn't appear to do very much. It is  
7 something.

8           I guess the question I have about it, if we  
9 were to pass this resolution, would it mean that  
10 something would come back to us stating the  
11 feasibility --

12          CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Yes, very definitely.

13          COMMISSIONER HALSTED: -- of temporary  
14 berthing of the Missouri at Pier 30-32, or does it mean  
15 that the staff will go ahead and explore it and do  
16 something?

17          CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: No. There is no way that  
18 staff can go out and explore and do something.  
19 Whenever we direct them to explore or check into the  
20 feasibility, they have to come back to the commission.  
21 There has to be a public hearing. So there will be  
22 ample time for more public hearing.

23          We are just simply -- maybe to give them some  
24 assurance that in exploring this, we see no serious  
25 violation of our policy, as long as they just explore



1 it. But before anything concrete is done, they have to  
2 come back. At that point we can compare it with our  
3 policy, see if it fits in with the CSF, et cetera.

4 COMMISSIONER HALSTED: If that is the case,  
5 I'd like to suggest a minor amendment, and maybe it's  
6 incorporated here somewhere, but I think that it should  
7 reflect a feasibility study ought to fully address the  
8 issue of the container freight station and where the  
9 conflicts might be or where they are on the feasibility  
10 of this temporary berthing in light of the container  
11 freight station.

12 I could ask the maker of the motion whether  
13 you'd accept an amendment.

14 COMMISSIONER CHANG: I don't have any problems  
15 with that. Basically we want to incorporate the fact  
16 that if we do accommodate -- well, I am not quite sure  
17 whether now is the time to be addressing the potential  
18 conflict we may have with the container freight  
19 station, because we are only instructing the staff to  
20 explore it.

21 COMMISSIONER HALSTED: As long as that is  
22 incorporated, their exploration.

23 COMMISSIONER CHANG: The exploratory phase  
24 will certainly incorporate the container freight  
25 station, and when the staff comes back to us with any





1 concrete proposals from the Navy that we have to act  
2 upon, then we can ensure at that point in time that  
3 there is no conflict with our plans for the container  
4 freight station.

5 COMMISSIONER HALSTED: I guess that is on the  
6 record now.

7 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Any other comments by  
8 commissioners? There is a motion on the floor. All  
9 right.

10 Those in favor of the motion, please say  
11 "aye."

12 Opposed.

13 The "ayes" have it. So ordered.

14 FROM THE FLOOR: Is there a public record?  
15 Can we get a vote? Can we get hands, or do we know who  
16 specifically is voting? Non-voters?

17 MS. KIRIKAS: Everyone voted.

18 CHAIRMAN COLEMAN: Everyone voted. All right.

19 There are no further items to come before this  
20 commission, so we will entertain a motion to adjourn.

21 [Whereupon, the meeting adjourned at 6:55  
22 o'clock p.m.]

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